



At Birmingham, we prepare you to take your place as the expert in medicines within the clinical team. Designed specifically to meet future needs of pharmacists, this course will equip you with the skills and knowledge required to become a critical member of the healthcare team. We provide you with the experience of real-life and simulated clinical patient situations, right from the start of the course within a multi-professional environment.

## WHY PHARMACY AT BIRMINGHAM?

- Our General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) accredited programme has a strong science foundation, integrated with key clinical skills and communication training
- Study in one of the largest healthcare regions in the UK with access to a diverse range of patients and conditions
- Engage in 46 days of placements in community, hospital and primary care settings including GP surgeries
- Fulfil your own personal learning objectives by identifying an area of specialist pharmacist activity you wish to focus on
- Our dedicated practical teaching facilities, including formulation and clinical practice laboratories with patient counselling suites, have been specifically designed for you to get the most out of our modern curriculum

## ABOUT THE COURSE

Our course will take you from the design of a drug, to its safe use in a patient. Significant clinical and patient-facing opportunities will orientate your learning in a clinical context.

Working closely with students and practitioners from other professions you will progressively gain scientific, professional and clinical knowledge and experience. You'll learn hands-on clinical

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

**A Level:** AAB to include Chemistry and at least one further science at A level from Biology, Mathematics or Physics.

**IB:** 6, 6, 5 at Higher Level including Chemistry plus Biology, Physics or Maths. 32 points overall.

**Required subjects and grades:** Chemistry and at least one further science at A level from Biology, Mathematics or Physics. Grade B/6 in Maths GCSE is also required. BTEC options considered.

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skills needed for the new roles of pharmacists, including taking blood pressure, vaccination, and the diagnostic skills for prescribing.

Communication training will give you necessary confidence to engage with patients and other professions in order to become a future leader in the profession of pharmacy.

# MPHARM PHARMACY 5-YEAR

Our five-year MPharm course, which includes a year-long clinical placement after your fourth year, has been specifically designed for international students who wish to complete their pre-registration training in the UK under a student visa. This year-long placement is equivalent to the pre-registration year, allowing students the chance to graduate as a fully UK qualified pharmacist pending successful completion of the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) registration exam.

For entry requirements and details on how to apply, please visit [www.birmingham.ac.uk/5-year-mpharm](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/5-year-mpharm)



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**Pharmacy,  
Year 4**

'I think the MPharm at Birmingham is up to date and modern. It makes me confident that I will have the best knowledge when I graduate.'

## PLACEMENTS

We believe that exposure to the professional work environment is essential for employability, which is why our pharmacy course includes a significant amount of placement experience in each year of the course starting from Year 1.

You'll have the opportunity to contextualise the knowledge and teaching learned during your university-based teaching in hospital, community pharmacy and primary care settings. These carefully designed applied activities and learning tasks will provide you with the confidence to move into your professional life upon graduating.

We have exclusive relationships with community pharmacy chains in the Midlands who provide us with many of our placement experiences. We also have close relationships with both primary care organisations and hospitals.

## CAREERS

In order to become a practising pharmacist, upon completion of the MPharm course you will be required to complete a pre-registration year in an approved practice setting and pass a professional competency exam.

Having a unique mix of scientific and professional knowledge, pharmacists are the experts on the use of medicines. They can work in areas such as:

- Healthcare – including community pharmacies, hospitals and primary care
- Pharmaceutical industry
- Research and academia
- Government and regulatory bodies
- Healthcare informatics

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This leaflet was produced in advance of the start of the academic year. It is intended to provide prospective students with a general picture of the programmes and courses offered by the School. Please note that not all programmes or all courses are offered every year. Also, because our research is constantly exploring new areas and directions of study some courses may be discontinued and new ones offered in their place. Before you apply, please visit our website to view essential information for all applicants: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/applicantinformation](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/applicantinformation)

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