



# CARDIFF UNIVERSITY/BRAPP POSTGRADUATE COURSE IN PHARMACEUTICAL MEDICINE

2019 ENTRY

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## *Course details*

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The PostGraduate Course in Pharmaceutical Medicine (PGCPM) is a 10-session, knowledge-based, taught course jointly organised by BrAPP (British Association of Pharmaceutical Physicians) and Cardiff School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Cardiff University. The Course is designed as an entirety and sessions are not available on a stand-alone basis. It provides delegates with a broad overview of the speciality of pharmaceutical medicine.

The purpose of the Course is **two-fold** :

- 1) To educate physicians working for, in or no behalf of the pharmaceutical industry in all aspects of pharmaceutical medicine. Understanding the drug development process is crucial for future advisors, managers and leaders.
- 2) To prepare candidates for the Diploma in Pharmaceutical Medicine (DPM) examination. The Course curriculum and that of the DPM are based upon the syllabus developed by PharmaTrain\*.  
\*PharmaTrain is a European/global initiative to improve professional training.

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## *Course description*

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The PGCPM delivers sections of the Pharmatrain syllabus in **nine two-day sessions** over an 18-month period. The **10<sup>th</sup> session** is a comprehensive **Revision Module** and reprises aspects of the Course and further prepares candidates sitting the DPM. The first session of the Course highlights our affiliation with Cardiff University, utilises the considerable academic expertise of the Cardiff School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, **Cardiff** and usually takes place at the University in January 2019 (session dates are shown below). The remaining 8 taught sessions are then delivered through the following 18 months in **Central London** at a dedicated and well-resourced high-specification training venue. The Course avoids teaching during the summer period from mid-July to the beginning of October. Every effort is made to avoid school holidays and national holidays.



There are no sessions in June in any year. The Revision Session is delivered in London in mid-July at the end of the Course and to enhance the start of serious exam prep.

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### *Speakers and presenters*

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Sessions are taught by a variety of experts in their respective fields and crucially by a broad spectrum of industry professionals. Many contributors will have first-hand experience of UK and global pharmaceutical development, the DPM exam and are available during and between sessions to assist with individual learning issues.

Session content and delivery is regularly reviewed on an on-going basis. Delegate feedback and organiser moderation are used to enhance to quality of training.

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### *Session timing*

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The *model* two-day session which takes place mid-working week (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday) begins teaching at 09:00 and finish each working day by 17:00. (Usually Day 2 finishes at 16:00 to enable European-based delegates to catch flights/Eurostar). Where possible, most UK delegates are able attend on a daily basis without the need for overnight accommodation (there is no evening session work) and the London location is well placed for travel connections. There are many hotels in the vicinity.

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### **Session Plan** *Dates*

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#### February 2019 – May 2019 (part 1)

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| 1) Introduction, Discovery of Medicines, planning the development of a medicine  | 12 February    |
| 2) Pre-clinical testing, lead identification, toxicology and safety pharmacology | 13-14 February |
| 3) Medical Statistics  | 20-21 March    |
| 4) Exploratory development: Phase 0 to IIA                                       | 10-11 April    |
| 5) Clinical Trials   | 15-16 May      |

#### October 2019- July 2020 (part 2)

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| 6) Pharmacovigilance                           | 16-17 October  |
| 7) Medicines Regulation                        | 27-28 November |
| 8) Information, promotion and education        | 4-5 March 2020 |
| 9) Legal, finance, ethics and pharmacoconomics | 6-7 May        |
| 10) Revision and Critical Appraisal            | 14,15,16 July  |

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## *Fees & Costs*

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### **Tuition Fees Part 1 (February to May 2019)**

Tuition fees, payable in advance of commencement of teaching, **£4620 (GBP)**. This includes a £200 (GBP) deposit, payable at the time of registration and non-returnable. Tuition fees include all PGCPM materials – handouts, folders and, of course, speaker honoraria etc. Delegates, however, may attend modules out of sequence and out of year, should their schedules require this. There will be no further tuition charges.

### **Venue Costs Part 1 (February to May 2019)**

For **each day** of the session attended there will a venue charge of **£80**. This covers venue costs – room hire, refreshments which include a continental breakfast, tea and coffee ad lib with light snacks and a 3-course low-GI hot and cold buffet lunch.

The venue costs must be paid ahead of attendance at each session and these charges can be incorporated into the tuition fees invoice if more convenient.

### **Tuition Fees Part 2 (October 2019 – July 2020)**

Tuition fees, payable in advance of commencement of teaching, **£5520 (GBP)**. All Course material is included and **additionally** delegates attend a one-day Critical Appraisal Workshop in July 2020. Critical Appraisal comprises 50% of Paper 2 of the DPM exam and is a critical skill for all pharmaceutical physicians.

### **Venue costs for 2019-2020**

Have yet to be agreed – we anticipate only minor (if any) increase on the 2018 rate. BrAPP will seek to negotiate the best rates.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Delegates are responsible for their own travel and accommodation (should any be required).

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## *Payment methods*

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Payment should be made in GB Sterling by Bank Transfer (full bank details can be found on registration forms and invoices) to BrAPP. Tuition fees, as above, must be paid to enable a delegate to join the Course. Venue costs are levied before each module (unless paid with tuition fees) and may be paid by credit card, if preferred, to BrAPP.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Once a delegate has finalised registration/commenced Part 1 or Part 2, the tuition fees for the entirety of the five sessions per year are non-refundable by BrAPP/Cardiff University.