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Ruth graduated from Robert Gordon Institute of Technology with a BSc in Pharmacy, registered with the RPSGB and began her career in community pharmacy. After a period in community pharmacy management, Ruth then joined Robert Gordon University (RGU), Aberdeen as a teacher practitioner with Lloydspharmacy. She was later appointed by RGU as a Lecturer in Pharmacy practice and was later promoted to Senior Lecturer, holding the position of RGU MPharm Course Leader. In 2018, Ruth moved to Aston University to take up the role of Head of Pharmacy Practice and in 2022 moved to University of Wolverhampton as Professor of Pharmacy Education and Head of School of Pharmacy. In addition to this, Ruth has been a Local Pharmacy Postgraduate Tutor for NHS Education for Scotland and has undertaken regular locum work in community pharmacy.

Since registration as a pharmacist, Ruth has obtained an MSc Clinical Pharmacy, a Postgraduate Certificate in Tertiary Level Teaching and has completed a Doctor of Education at University of Stirling. Ruth is a Faculty Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and a Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. Ruth is also an International Pharmacy Federation (FIP) Hub Global Leader and is the academic representative on the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Assembly.

Ruth's research interests centre on educational research, teaching and learning and assessment, including creative approaches to teaching and development of mental health education. Her EdD thesis was entitled 'Opening the door on student learning: using artefacts to explore pharmacy students' learning practices' and she is co-author of the Pharmaceutical Press textbook 'Minor Illness or Major Disease?'.