General Pharmaceutical Council

Consultation on draft Standards for the initial education and training of pharmacy technicians



Why we are proposing these changes

- Pharmacy technicians play a vital role in providing safe and effective pharmacy services.
- It is essential that their education and training keeps up-to-date and reflects changes in pharmacy practice.
- The GPhC is proposing updates to initial education and training in response to changes in pharmacy practice, to ensure pharmacy technicians continue to gain a strong foundation of knowledge, skills, and behaviours.
- This will help them confidently work across a variety of pharmacy settings throughout Great Britain.

The GPhC are seeking views on proposals to….

- **Raise the qualification level** to a minimum RQF Level 4 (SCQF Level 7) to reflect evolving pharmacy technician roles and better prepare them with critical thinking and clinical decision-making skills. This level is equivalent to the first year of a university degree
- **Encourage multisector training** to build versatility across diverse pharmacy settings.
- **Add new learning outcomes** covering digital technology, sustainability, and pharmacogenomics

The GPhC are seeking views on proposals to….

- **Replace Accuracy Checking** with Final Accuracy Checking so all technicians are qualified upon registration.
- **Clarify educational supervisor and course provider responsibilities.**
- **Retain the 2-year study duration** to ensure sufficient time for competency development.

The GPhC are seeking views on proposals to….

- **Introduce a science entry requirement, alongside existing English and Maths requirements at RQF level 2** (equivalent to GSCE level C or above in Wales, 4 or above in England and a level C or above at National 5 level in Scotland).
- **Previous practice-based learning could also count towards meeting the science requirement.**

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