



Postgraduate Certificate (PgC), Diploma (PgD) and Masters (MSc) in Pharmacovigilance

Introduction

Working in drug safety is highly competitive and challenging. There is a growing need for trained professionals for the pharmaceutical industry, regulatory authorities and academia. Formal academic training in this rapidly developing subject area is lacking.

That is why the Drug Safety Research Unit (DSRU) has developed an accredited postgraduate award in Pharmacovigilance. You will learn from one of the leading pharmacovigilance training providers in Europe, with a well-established reputation for academic excellence, providing you with an industry recognized qualification.

Who should attend?

- ~pharmaceutical industry personnel working in areas including drug safety, clinical research, medical affairs, medical writing, regulatory affairs and medical information
- ~staff from academic and research units working in drug safety or pharmacovigilance departments
- ~regulatory authority staff
- ~independent medical writers
- ~QPPVs

Programmes features

- ~choice of units relevant to your career
- ~minimal time away from your workplace
- ~access to a virtual learning environment including podcasts and presentations online to support your study
- ~expert lecturers in the field from academic, regulatory and industry
- ~accreditation of prior learning, certified or experiential, which can count as credits towards the PgD and MSc awards

Application process

Applications should be made to the DSRU by visiting our website www.dsru.org or contacting Lisa Harvey, Manager Education & Training.

Entry requirements

- ~either a first or second class honours degree in the biosciences, veterinary science, dentistry, pharmacy or medicine
- ~or a professional qualification equivalent to the above
- ~proficiency in English, as demonstrated by an approved test (in some cases)
- ~a portfolio demonstrating suitability for study on this course (for candidates who do not fall into the above categories only)

Location

Courses are generally held in the Southampton area, UK, which is only one hour and ten minutes from central London. In addition, Southampton airport has regular flights to and from Europe. A few courses are held in central London. The venues are carefully chosen to provide pleasant accommodation and excellent travel accessibility.

Fees

£3675 + VAT for 4 modules, which can be paid at once or per module. This equates to a saving of approximately 15% on our standard course fee.

Contact us

For further information or to discuss your training needs please contact Lisa Harvey, Manager Education & Training.
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**Key Features of our Flexible Study Programme**

- “ Three awards are available
 - “ PgC . Three compulsory units with a further unit chosen from nine optional units (60 credits)
 - “ PgD . Three compulsory units plus five from nine optional units (120 credits)
 - “ MSc . Three compulsory units plus five from nine optional units plus MSc research project (180 credits)
- “ Students normally undertake 60 credits in the form of part-time study over a period of up to two years for the PgC, a further 60 credits over two years for the PgD and then undertake a research project over a maximum of three years for 60 more credits for the MSc.
- “ The University operates a system through which you can gain recognition of prior learning (certified/experiential). This is applicable to PgD and MSc awards.
- “ Assessments - Typically a combination of components such as essays combined with closed book examinations (many of which will be online).
- “ Start dates for 2010/2011 academic year . September 2010, January 2011 and June 2011 for the PgC and PgD. September 2011 for MSc.

Overview of units for PgC, PgD and MSc in Pharmacovigilance

Unit Title	Credit Points	Award
Back to Basics in Pharmacovigilance	15	PgC -Compulsory
Introduction to Pharmacoepidemiology	15	PgC -Compulsory
Medical Aspects of Adverse Drug Reactions	15	PgC -Compulsory
Case Narrative Writing for Reporting Adverse Events	15	PgC/PgD -Optional
Monitoring Safety in Clinical Trials and Drug Development	15	PgC/PgD -Optional
Critical Appraisal of Medical and Scientific Papers: How to Read Between the Lines	15	PgC/PgD -Optional
Risk Benefit Assessment in Pharmacovigilance	15	PgC/PgD -Optional
Staying Current & in Control in the Constantly Changing Global Regulatory Pharmacovigilance Environment	15	PgC/PgD -Optional
Periodic Safety Update Reports	15	PgC/PgD -Optional
Regulations & Guidelines for Pharmacovigilance	15	PgC/PgD -Optional
Pharmacovigilance in Products Subject to Licensing Agreements	15	PgC/PgD -Optional
Pharmacovigilance Planning & Risk Management	15	PgC/PgD -Optional
MSc Research Project	60	MSc