**Post- Registration Foundation Programme**

**For Newly Qualified Pharmacists**

**Information for pharmacists who may wish to join the programme in September 2021.**

**What is the Post Registration Foundation programme?**

The programme builds on the current Pre-registration training year. It is aimed at pharmacists early in their career in patient-focussed roles to encourage them to develop the knowledge, skills abilities, values and behaviours to confidently practice in any sector, at a generalist Post-Registration Foundation Level. The training includes an Independent Prescribing course delivered by one of the universities in Scotland. The NES Pharmacy programme has been designed to be in line with the new UK RPS Post-Registration Foundation curriculum.

**Why should I join the programme?**

Pharmacy services are developing at a rapid pace to keep up with what the people of Scotland need. This means that the skills and confidence Pharmacists need to practice effectively are also changing. Use of the Independent Prescribing qualification will in time be the norm in the profession, and this programme provides a structured route to gaining this. Critically, it also provides a framework to build confidence and competence in all other aspects of your role beyond what is required for registration as a Pharmacist.

**What does the programme involve?**

The programme involves learning in the format of experiential learning within the pharmacist’s workplace. Pharmacists will undertake Supervised Learning Events (SLEs) and will have learning needs identified to enable support to be provided as required. The evidence developed from the achievement of learning outcomes in the workplace will form an online portfolio of evidence to demonstrate achievement of the UK curriculum. NES Pharmacy will deliver educational sessions and online resources to support the pharmacists when developing their portfolio. As part of the programme the pharmacist will also be supported by an Educational Supervisor and NES Senior Educator specific to their geographical area.

**How do I note my interest and what do I do to prepare to start my training?**

If this programme sounds like it is for you, you first need to speak with your employer (or prospective employer from September 2021) to ensure they are able to support you with an Educational Supervisor from their organisation.

Next, you can note your early expression of interest (EOI) for a place on the training programme by completing [this form](https://response.questback.com/nhseducationforscotland/expressionofinterest2021) so we have your details to send you updates about the programme which is planned to launch in Autumn 2021.

**If you, your employer or Educational Supervisor wish any further information please email** **pharmacistftp@nes.scot.nhs.uk** **and a member of the Post-Registration Foundation programme team will be happy to answer their questions or organise an online meeting to discuss any aspects of the programme.**