

School of Pharmacy Admission Protocol

1. Aims, Principles and Scope

- 1.1 This policy relates to the specific subject requirements for the Master of Pharmacy (MPharm) degree at Newcastle University and is part of the University's overarching Admissions Policy.
- 1.2 The policy applies to the undergraduate MPharm degree and aims to ensure that equal consideration is given to all applications, whilst maintaining alignment with the Education Standards 2021, in particular, Standards 1 and 2 set out by the General Pharmaceutical Council of Great Britain (GPhC).

2. Application assessment

- 2.1 Applications received will be judged on the UCAS record and the applicant's performance at interview. Applicants that do not attend an interview will have their application terminated.
- 2.2 The interview criteria for each admissions cycle will be published in advance but will broadly cover the applicant's personal statement, motivation to study Pharmacy and their personal values.
- 2.3 Admissions decisions are based, within the constraints of the number of places available, on the professional judgement of the Admissions selectors and where appropriate, a final decision will be made by the Pharmacy Admissions Tutor.
- 2.4 PARTNERS applicants will be interviewed later in the cycle, i.e., February to April via Zoom

3. Applicant Feedback

- 3.1 The competitive nature of the application process for Pharmacy means that some good applications are unsuccessful, and applicants are entitled to feedback via the Admissions Service by emailing ug-admissions@newcastle.ac.uk

4. Oversight of interview component

- 4.1 All academic staff in the School of Pharmacy will be involved in the interview process along with a selection of current pharmacy students; staff and students shall receive training for safe-guarding, interview technique, unconscious bias and equality, diversity, and inclusion.
- 4.2 The Admissions Tutor for Pharmacy will review the scoring for all applicants that fail the interview for consistency.
- 4.3 The School of Pharmacy Interview Oversight Committee, chaired by the Pharmacy Admissions Tutor will review global data around protected characteristics and the overall performance of the interview process. This committee will also review all appeals from applicants.