



# Higher National Certificate in Clinical Practice for Pharmacy Technicians

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| Subject Area  | Pharmacy                   |
| Course Type   | Higher Education           |
| Study Level   | Level 4                    |
| Delivery Mode | Part-time                  |
| Duration      | 2 Academic Years           |
| Start Date    | January 2027 (&plus; more) |
| Course Code   | PPHNB011J                  |

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## Course Summary

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The Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Clinical Practice for Pharmacy Technicians is designed for qualified Pharmacy Technicians looking to develop their clinical knowledge, skills and confidence in practice.

Delivered fully online over two years on a part-time basis, the programme allows students to study alongside their existing employment. Students will explore key areas including applied therapeutics, patient monitoring, clinical pharmacy services, quality improvement and evidence-based practice, with opportunities to apply their learning

within the workplace.

## Modules

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### Year 1 Modules

- Academic Writing for Clinical Practice (15 credits)
- Advancing Patient Monitoring and Clinical Pharmacy Practice (15 credits)
- Applied Therapeutics in the Management of Common Medical Conditions (30 credits)

### Year 2 Modules

- Fundamentals of Managing Clinical Pharmacy Services in Practice (30 credits)
- The Role of Quality Improvement in Clinical Pharmacy Service Delivery (30 credits)

## Entry Requirements

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- Registered Pharmacy Technician with General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) and currently working within a relevant clinical pharmacy practice environment.
- Provide evidence of current revalidation status/ registration number with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC)
- Pharmacy Technician qualification, (Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice for Pharmacy Technicians, or equivalent)
- English language GCSE Grade 4 or Level 2 functional skills
- Maths GCSE Grade 4 or Level 2 functional skills
- Fitness to practise declaration.

*For applicants practising in Northern Ireland, GPhC registration is not required. Applicants from Northern Ireland must instead be appropriately qualified as a Pharmacy Technician and able to demonstrate that their previous education, training and current professional practice provide an appropriate basis for study at this level.*

## Progression

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Successful completion of the HNC provides a pathway to Level 5 study, allowing students to progress towards the Foundation Degree (FdSc) in Clinical Practice for Pharmacy Technicians through a further two years of part-time study.

The qualification also supports ongoing professional development, helping Pharmacy Technicians enhance their knowledge and skills to support career progression, expanded clinical responsibilities and involvement in service improvement.

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