

Existing education and training resources

In aiming to develop training material for Advanced Level Medicines Information Pharmacists, the Education and Training Working Group have identified, and validated a number of existing practice-based resources first. They have specifically considered relevance to MI, method of delivery, eligibility, cost and completion time. This is aimed to supplement resources provided by your Trust, local pharmacy network education and training providers, libraries and CPD series in relevant journals (e.g. [Pharmacy Management](#), [Hospital Pharmacist](#), [Health Service Journal](#)). We've reviewed some universities courses that you've recommended, as well as those that we have local knowledge of.

[Learn Direct](#) resources are particularly helpful if you don't have much time to spare or want to learn about practice-based topics in the workplace.

In the course of reviewing training resources relating to therapeutics, with the exception of a few bodies, it has become apparent that material is fairly disparate and disorganised. We suggest you start with bodies such as the [Centre of Postgraduate Pharmacy Education](#) and the [National Prescribing Centre](#). Increasingly there are links to courses and events through the [National Library for Health](#); click on the specialist library of interest and then look for CPD resources – the layout varies according to the specialist library. In addition the [BMJ e-learning material](#) is really helpful but requires a personal or institutional subscription – speak to your education leads to establish whether you have access to this resource. Finally we haven't listed all the postgraduate clinical pharmacy/pharmacy practice courses available as it's assumed Advanced Level practitioners will probably have completed these already.

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Clinical governance

Provider	Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (England)
Delivery method	CPPE use a mixture of open learning, workshops, e-learning and small group learning
Eligibility	CPPE use a mixture of open learning, workshops, e-learning, small group learning and learning@lunch
Cost	Free
Time taken to complete	Various
Contact details	http://www.cppe.manchester.ac.uk/

Provider	Welsh Centre for Continuing Pharmaceutical Education (WCPPE)
Delivery method	Evening courses, distance learning packages, videos
Eligibility	All pharmacists and support staff in Wales
Cost	Free to all pharmacists living or working in Wales
Time taken to complete	Various
Contact details	http://www.cf.ac.uk/phrmy/WCPPE/

Provider	IDIS Pharmacy Education Programme
Title	Medication safety
Delivery method	CPP Accredited self-completion module
Eligibility	Available to all medical professionals, registered with the relevant accrediting body
Cost	Free
Time taken to complete	1 hour
Contact details	http://www.idispharma.com/pep/index.asp

Computing and information technology

Provider	Learn Direct
Title	Variety of computing courses
Delivery method	Variety of methods including e-learning short courses available to buy online that can be completed in the workplace
Eligibility	No restrictions identified
Cost	Varies according to course – check website
Time taken to complete	From several hours upwards
Contact details	http://catalogue.learndirect.co.uk/browse/sfl/

Provider	Open University
Title	Computer and information technology (Postgraduate diplomas [120 points] and MSc degrees [180 points])
Delivery method	Distance learning
Eligibility	No formal entry qualifications are required to register, but expected to have studied to HNC, HND, or bachelors degree level in an appropriate subject area, or that you have equivalent practical experience.
Cost	Various – for example for a 60 point course, 2006 UK fees were £1565
Time taken to complete	Normally expected to complete a postgraduate diploma in 2 years
Contact details	http://www.open.ac.uk/courses

Provider	Open University
Title	Information Systems (Postgraduate certificates [60 points], postgraduate diplomas [120 points] and MSc degrees [180 points])
Delivery method	Distance learning
Eligibility	Bachelors degree from a UK university, or equivalent
Cost	Various – for example for a 60 point course, 2006 UK fees were £1565
Time taken to complete	Normally expected to complete a postgraduate diploma in 2 years

Contact details	http://www.open.ac.uk/courses
Provider	Open University
Title	Technology Management (Postgraduate certificates [60 points], postgraduate diplomas [120 points] and MSc degrees [180 points])
Delivery method	Distance learning
Eligibility	UK honours degree or equivalent
Cost	Various, 2006 UK fees were between £1045 and £1565
Time taken to complete	Normally expected to complete a postgraduate diploma in 2 years
Contact details	http://www.open.ac.uk/courses

Provider	University of Portsmouth – School of Computing
Title	MSc e-Learning Technologies
Delivery method	On-line/ distance learning and project
Eligibility	Honours degree graded 2:2 or above in a relevant subject
Cost	2007 - part-time fees begin at £1050
Time taken to complete	2 years
Contact details	http://www.port.ac.uk

Provider	University of Portsmouth – School of Computing
Title	MSc Information Systems
Delivery method	See prospectus
Eligibility	An honours degree graded 2:2 or above in a subject other than computing.
Cost	2007 - part-time fees begin at £1050, full-time begin at £3160
Time taken to complete	Full-time 1 year/part-time 3 years
Contact details	http://www.port.ac.uk

Provider	City University, London
Title	Various courses leading to informatics qualifications including MSc Health and Pharmaceutical Information, Health Informatics, Information Science
Delivery method	Varies according to course – check website
Eligibility	Varies according to course – check website
Cost	Varies according to course – check website
Time taken to complete	Varies according to course and whether part-time or full-time – check website

Contact details	http://www.city.ac.uk
Provider	Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen
Title	Various courses leading to informatics qualifications including Information Management, Knowledge Management, Electronic Information Management
Delivery method	Varies according to course – check website
Eligibility	Varies according to course – check website
Cost	Varies, but for example Diploma/Msc Information Management is £3235 for the entire course – check website for further details.
Time taken to complete	Varies according to whether full-time or part-time – check website
Contact details	http://www.rgu.ac.uk/abs/

Provider	University of Brighton
Title	MA Information Studies, MSc Information Management, MSc Information Management (Health)
Delivery method	Varies according to course – check website
Eligibility	Varies according to course – check website
Cost	2007 - Standard full-time postgraduate fees is £3500, contact university for part-time studies, or for details of non-standard courses.

Time taken to complete	Courses may be run full-time or part-time.
Contact details	http://www.brighton.ac.uk

Provider	University of Glasgow
Title	Various postgraduate diplomas and Masters degrees in information management and information technology
Delivery method	See prospectus
Eligibility	Varies according to course – check website
Cost	Varies according to course – check website
Time taken to complete	Varies according to course – check website
Contact details	http://www.hatii.arts.gla.ac.uk/

Provider	University of Strathclyde
Title	Various postgraduate diplomas and Masters degrees in information management and information technology
Delivery method	See prospectus
Eligibility	Varies according to course – check website
Cost	Varies according to course – check website

Time taken to complete	Varies according to course – check website
Contact details	http://www.gsi.strath.ac.uk/

Provider	Leeds Metropolitan University
Title	Various postgraduate diplomas and Masters degrees in information management and information technology
Delivery method	See prospectus
Eligibility	Varies according to course – check website
Cost	Varies according to course – check website
Time taken to complete	Variety of full-time and part-time options – check website
Contact details	http://www.leedsmet.ac.uk

Provider	London Metropolitan University
Title	MSc Information and knowledge management MA Information service management
Delivery method	Taught course
Eligibility	At least a 2:2 degree or equivalent. Applicants with substantial career experience may be considered without a first degree.
Cost	Full-time (EU) £5,850, Part-time (EU) £2,925 (fees for first year based on completing in 2 years) Part-time (EU) per 20 credit module

	£650 (fees for first year based on completing in 2 years)
Time taken to complete	Full-time: one year, distance learning and 6 modular teaching sessions (teaching usually runs from Wednesdays to Saturdays) Part-time: two years distance learning and 6 modular teaching sessions. (Teaching usually runs from Wednesdays to Saturdays)
Contact details	http://www.londonmet.ac.uk

Provider	University College London
Title	Various postgraduate certificates, diplomas and Masters degrees in information management-related topics
Delivery method	Taught courses
Eligibility	Varies according to course – check website
Cost	Varies according to course – check website
Time taken to complete	Variety of full-time and part-time options – check website
Contact details	http://www.slais.ucl.ac.uk/

Provider	Loughborough University
Title	Various postgraduate diplomas and MSc degrees in information and knowledge management-related topics
Delivery method	Mixture of taught material, coursework and private study

Eligibility	Targeted at those working in Information and Knowledge Management, students require a minimum 2:2 honours degree or equivalent
Cost	Check website for up-to-date tuition fees
Time taken to complete	Depends upon whether part-time or full-time
Contact details	http://lboro.ac.uk/departments/ls/

Provider	Manchester Metropolitan University
Title	MA and MSc degrees in information and knowledge management-related topics
Delivery method	Coursework and dissertation, no examinations
Eligibility	Entrants will normally be required to possess an honours degree (any discipline)
Cost	Check website for up-to-date tuition fees
Time taken to complete	Depends upon whether part-time or full-time
Contact details	http://www.mmu.ac.uk/

Provider	University of Sheffield
Title	MSc degrees in information and knowledge management-related topics including Health Informatics

Delivery method	Varies – check website
Eligibility	Varies according to course – check website
Cost	Check website for up-to-date tuition fees
Time taken to complete	Depends upon whether part-time or full-time
Contact details	http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/

Continuous professional development

Provider	Learn Direct
Title	Variety of business and management courses including improving personal effectiveness and self development
Delivery method	Variety of methods including e-learning short courses available to buy online that can be completed in the workplace
Eligibility	No restrictions identified
Cost	Varies according to course – check website
Time taken to complete	Start from less than one hour and upwards
Contact details	http://catalogue.learndirect.co.uk/browse/sfl/

Provider	Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (England)
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Delivery method	CPPE use a mixture of open learning, workshops, e-learning and small group learning
Eligibility	CPPE use a mixture of open learning, workshops, e-learning, small group learning and learning@lunch
Cost	Free
Time taken to complete	Various
Contact details	http://www.cppe.manchester.ac.uk/

Provider	Welsh Centre for Continuing Pharmaceutical Education (WCPPE)
Delivery method	Evening courses, distance learning packages, videos
Eligibility	All pharmacists and support staff in Wales
Cost	Free to all pharmacists living or working in Wales
Time taken to complete	Various
Contact details	http://www.cf.ac.uk/phrmy/WCPPE/

Provider	University of Portsmouth – School of Health Sciences and Social Work
Title	MSc Advanced Professional Development In Clinical And Health Science
Delivery method	See prospectus

Eligibility	A first degree or relevant experience; further advice is given to individuals on enquiry.
Cost	2007 - part-time fees begin at £1050, full-time begin at £3160
Time taken to complete	Full or part-time, 1 or 2 years
Contact details	http://www.port.ac.uk

Provider	University of Portsmouth – School of Health Sciences and Social Work
Title	MA Advanced Professional Practice in Health and Social Care
Delivery method	See prospectus
Eligibility	Applicants should hold a first degree or equivalent and be practising within a healthcare profession during the course. Those who do not hold a first degree submit a portfolio of work demonstrating ability to work at Masters level.
Cost	2007 - part-time fees begin at £1050
Time taken to complete	Part-time, 2 years
Contact details	http://www.port.ac.uk

Economics

Provider	National Network of Research and Development Support Units for health care research (England)
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Delivery method	Workshops, seminars, short courses
Eligibility	No restrictions on website – check when booking
Cost	Mainly free to NHS staff
Time taken to complete	Various – mainly one to two day courses
Contact details	http://www.rdlearning.org.uk/pages/rdsu.asp or via http://www.national-rdsu.org.uk

Provider	National Training and Research Appraisal Group (NTRAG)
Delivery method	Commissioned training ranging from one-day workshops to one-week intensive trainer-training.
Eligibility	No restrictions on website – check when booking.
Cost	The cost of commissioned workshops depends on location and the specific requirements of the programme (i.e. length, number of participants, number of tutors required). Contact NTRAG for more information.
Time taken to complete	See 'Delivery method'
Contact details	http://www.ntrag.co.uk/

Provider	City University, London
Title	MSc Economic Evaluation in Health Care (option to study to diploma level if dissertation omitted).

Delivery method	Mainly taught sessions, requiring release from employment.
Eligibility	A quantitative background and a good honours degree in a relevant discipline, or a good honours degree in any discipline supplemented by relevant work experience.
Cost	2007/8 - £6900 full-time, £3950 part-time
Time taken to complete	Full-time, one year (two days a week) or part-time (one day a week), two years.
Contact details	http://www.city.ac.uk

Education and training

Provider	Learn Direct
Title	Variety of business and management courses including coaching and training effectively
Delivery method	Variety of methods including e-learning short courses available to buy online that can be completed in the workplace
Eligibility	No restrictions identified
Cost	Varies according to course – check website
Time taken to complete	From several hours and upwards
Contact details	http://catalogue.learndirect.co.uk/browse/sfl/

Provider	South East Medicines Management and Development (SEMMED)
Title	Train the Trainers
Delivery method	Study days and workplace activities
Eligibility	South East NHS employees
Cost	2006/7 – residential £ 335, non-residential £ 275
Time taken to complete	Approximately 6 months
Contact details	http://www.semmed.nhs.uk

Provider	The Institute of Clinical Research
Title	Various courses on clinical research as well as professional development including time management, writing skills and coaching and mentoring.
Delivery method	Mixture of methods including e-learning, in-house training, and courses, some of which lead to postgraduate certificates, diplomas and higher degrees in Clinical Research in association with Cranfield University
Eligibility	Varies – check website
Cost	Varies – check website
Time taken to complete	Varies – check website
Contact details	http://www.instituteofclinicalresearch.org

Provider	Open University
Title	Education (Postgraduate certificates [60 points], postgraduate diplomas [120 points] and MA/MEd degrees [180 points])
Delivery method	Distance learning
Eligibility	Bachelors degree from a UK university or equivalent, or Advanced Diploma in Education or equivalent, or Qualified Teacher Status with at least 3 years teaching experience or an OU Certificate in CPD.
Cost	Various – 2006 UK fees currently between £875 to £1130
Time taken to complete	Each 30 point module takes about 6 months to complete
Contact details	http://www.open.ac.uk/courses

Provider	University of Portsmouth
Title	MSc Education and Training Management Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
Delivery method	See prospectus
Eligibility	See prospectus
Cost	2007 - part-time fees begin at £1050, full-time begin at £3160
Time taken to complete	Full-time or part-time, 1 or 2 years

Contact details	http://www.port.ac.uk
Provider	Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development
Title	Variety of coaching courses
Delivery method	Mainly one or two day short courses
Eligibility	Target audience varies – check website
Cost	Varies according to course – fairly expensive - check website
Time taken to complete	Varies according to course – check website
Contact details	http://www.cipd.co.uk

Evidence-informed healthcare including critical appraisal

Provider	Drug Safety Research Unit
Delivery method	Short courses and conferences on critical appraisal
Eligibility	No restrictions on website – check when booking
Cost	Various – about £500 to 700 for NHS
Time taken to complete	Various – mainly one to two day courses and conferences
Contact details	http://www.dsru.org

Provider	National Network of Research and Development Support Units for health care research (England)
Delivery method	Workshops, seminars, short courses
Eligibility	No restrictions on website – check when booking
Cost	Mainly free to NHS staff
Time taken to complete	Various – mainly one to two day courses
Contact details	http://www.rdlearning.org.uk/pages/rdsu.asp or via http://www.national-rdsu.org.uk

Provider	SIGN
Title	Critical appraisal
Delivery method	One day workshops
Eligibility	No restrictions
Cost	Free to guideline development group members; £50 NHS staff in Scotland; £100 any other categories.
Time taken to complete	One day
Contact details	http://www.sign.ac.uk

Provider	Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (England)
Delivery method	CPPE use a mixture of open learning, workshops, e-learning, small group learning and learning@lunch
Eligibility	Pharmacists and technicians registered with RPSGB, working for the NHS in England
Cost	Free
Time taken to complete	Various
Contact details	http://www.cppe.manchester.ac.uk/

Provider	National Training and Research Appraisal Group (NTRAG)
Delivery method	Commissioned training ranging from one-day workshops to one-week intensive trainer-training.
Eligibility	No restrictions on website – check when booking.
Cost	The cost of commissioned workshops depends on location and the specific requirements of the programme (i.e. length, number of participants, number of tutors required). Contact NTRAG for more information.
Time taken to complete	See 'Delivery method'
Contact details	http://www.ntrag.co.uk/

Provider	Bandolier
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Title	Bandolier Guide to Bias
Delivery method	Self-directed
Eligibility	No restrictions
Cost	Free
Time taken to complete	1 hour
Contact details	http://www.jr2.ox.ac.uk/bandolier/Extraforbando/Bias.pdf

Provider	South East Medicines Management and Development (SEMMED)
Title	Basic and Advanced Critical Appraisal Skills
Delivery method	Study days
Eligibility	South East NHS employees
Cost	2006/2007 £75
Time taken to complete	Stand alone study days
Contact details	http://www.semmed.nhs.uk

Provider	Chartered Institute of Librarians and Information Professionals (CILIP)
Title	Various short courses on evidence-informed healthcare including critical

	appraisal
Delivery method	Mainly one or two day courses, either off-site or in the workplace
Eligibility	Mainly aimed at librarians and other professionals working with information
Cost	Varies – check website
Time taken to complete	Mainly one or two day courses but check website
Contact details	http://www.cilip.org.uk/

Provider	University of Portsmouth – School of Health Sciences and Social Work
Title	Evidence-Based Health (Postgraduate certificates [60 points], postgraduate diplomas [120 points] and MSc degrees [180 points])
Delivery method	See prospectus
Eligibility	Applicants are generally expected to hold an honours degree in an appropriate clinical or scientific subject or have a qualification or professional experience deemed equivalent by the University of Portsmouth.
Cost	2007 - part-time fees begin at £1050
Time taken to complete	Part-time, depends upon level studied
Contact details	http://www.port.ac.uk

Provider	University of Portsmouth – School of Health Sciences and Social Work
Title	MSc Advanced Professional Development In Clinical And Health Sciences
Delivery method	See prospectus
Eligibility	A first degree or relevant experience; further advice is given to individuals on enquiry.
Cost	2007 - part-time fees begin at £1050
Time taken to complete	Part-time, 2 years
Contact details	http://www.port.ac.uk

Influencing and negotiation skills

Provider	Learn Direct
Title	Variety of business and management courses including influencing and negotiation skills
Delivery method	Variety of methods including e-learning short courses available to buy online that can be completed in the workplace
Eligibility	No restrictions identified
Cost	Varies according to course – check website
Time taken to complete	Start from less than one hour and upwards

Contact details	http://catalogue.learndirect.co.uk/browse/sfl/
Provider	Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (England)
Delivery method	CPPE use a mixture of open learning, workshops, e-learning, small group learning and learning@lunch
Eligibility	Pharmacists and technicians registered with RPSGB, working for the NHS in England
Cost	Free
Time taken to complete	Various
Contact details	http://www.cppe.manchester.ac.uk/

Provider	Irish Centre for Continuing Pharmaceutical Education
Delivery method	Open learning, e-learning (audio CD-ROM, DVD and in print), live (group) learning
Eligibility	Website states that training material is aimed at community pharmacists and qualified assistants in Ireland. However helpdesk confirmed that hospital pharmacists working in the community are able to attend, although there may be some restrictions on hospital technicians. Check when booking.
Cost	An annual registration fee of €50 is payable for participation in ICCPE learning programmes. The concessionary fee of €20 is available for pre-registration students.

Time taken to complete	Various
Contact details	http://www.iccpe.ie/index.cfm/loc/1/pt/96.htm

Provider	Waypointers UK National Development Scheme for Senior Pharmacists and National Development Scheme for Senior Pharmacy Technicians
Delivery method	One week of residential study, followed by a second residential week six months later, with a work-related project during the intervening period.
Eligibility	Senior pharmacists grade E and above (or AFC equivalent). Applications may be considered from grade D. MTO 3 and above (or AFC equivalent).
Cost	£2360:00 (+ £413.00 VAT)
Time taken to complete	See 'Delivery methods'
Contact details	http://www.waypointers.co.uk/

Provider	The Institute of Clinical Research
Title	Various courses on clinical research as well as professional development including time management, writing skills, assertiveness and dealing with conflict.
Delivery method	Mixture of methods including e-learning, in-house training, and courses, some of which lead to postgraduate certificates, diplomas and higher degrees in Clinical Research in association with Cranfield University
Eligibility	Varies – check website

Cost	Varies – check website
Time taken to complete	Varies – check website
Contact details	http://www.instituteofclinicalresearch.org

Leadership and people management

Provider	Learn Direct
Title	Variety of business and management courses
Delivery method	Variety of methods including e-learning short courses available to buy online that can be completed in the workplace
Eligibility	No restrictions identified
Cost	Varies according to course – check website
Time taken to complete	Start from less than one hour and upwards
Contact details	http://catalogue.learndirect.co.uk/browse/sfl/

Provider	Waypointers UK National Development Scheme for Senior Pharmacists and National Development Scheme for Senior Pharmacy Technicians
Delivery method	One week of residential study, followed by a second residential week six months later, with a work-related project during the intervening period.
Eligibility	Senior pharmacists grade E and above (or AFC equivalent). Applications

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Cost	£2360:00 (+ £413.00 VAT)
Time taken to complete	See 'Delivery methods'
Contact details	http://www.waypointers.co.uk/

Provider	Chartered Management Institute
Title	Wide range of management qualifications (e.g. certificates and diplomas), short courses and coaching.
Delivery method	Varies – see website
Eligibility	Varies – see website
Cost	Varies – see website
Time taken to complete	Varies according to level studied – see website
Contact details	http://www.managers.org.uk

Provider	Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (England)
Delivery method	CPPE use a mixture of open learning, workshops, e-learning, small group learning and learning@lunch
Eligibility	Pharmacists and technicians registered with RPSGB, working for the NHS in England

Cost	Free
Time taken to complete	Various
Contact details	http://www.cppe.manchester.ac.uk/

Provider	NHS Education for Scotland (Pharmacy) (NES) – National UK Centre for Continuing Pharmaceutical Education in Scotland
Delivery method	Distance-learning and e-learning packages
Eligibility	The packages are available free of charge to Scottish NHS pharmacists
Cost	As above
Time taken to complete	Various
Contact details	http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/

Provider	Institute of Leadership and Management
Title	People management and service development courses leading to a wide variety of qualifications
Delivery method	Varies according to the course – check website
Eligibility	Varies according to the course – check website
Cost	Varies according to the course – check website

Time taken to complete	Varies according to the course – check website
Contact details	http://www.i-l-m.com

Provider	The Health Foundation Leadership scheme
Title	Various Leadership training programmes
Delivery method	Varies according to the course – check website
Eligibility	Varies according to the course – check website
Cost	At the time of writing free but check website
Time taken to complete	Varies according to the course – check website
Contact details	http://www.health.org.uk

Provider	University of Portsmouth – School of Health Sciences and Social Work
Title	MSc Advanced Professional Development In Clinical And Health Sciences
Delivery method	See prospectus
Eligibility	A first degree or relevant experience; further advice is given to individuals on enquiry.
Cost	2007 - part-time fees begin at £1050
Time taken to complete	Part-time, 2 years

Contact details	http://www.port.ac.uk
Provider	University of Portsmouth – School of Health Sciences and Social Work
Title	MA Advanced Professional Practice in Health and Social Care
Delivery method	See prospectus
Eligibility	Applicants should hold a first degree or equivalent and be practising within a healthcare profession during the course.
Cost	2007 - part-time fees begin at £1050
Time taken to complete	Part-time, 2 years
Contact details	http://www.port.ac.uk

Provider	University of Portsmouth – Strategy and Business Systems
Title	MSc Leadership and Management
Delivery method	See prospectus
Eligibility	A good honours degree in a relevant discipline or equivalent.
Cost	2007 - part-time fees begin at £1050
Time taken to complete	30 months part-time

Contact details	http://www.port.ac.uk
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Provider	City University, London
Title	Various courses leading to management qualifications including MSc Health Management, MSc Management and MBA.
Delivery method	See prospectus
Eligibility	Varies according to course – check website
Cost	Varies according to course – check website
Time taken to complete	Varies according to course – check website
Contact details	http://www.city.ac.uk

Provider	Chartered Institute of Librarians and Information Professionals
Title	Variety of people management and service development courses
Delivery method	Mainly one or two day courses, either off-site or in the workplace
Eligibility	Target audience varies – check website
Cost	Varies – check website
Time taken to complete	Mainly one or two day courses but check website
Contact details	http://www.cilip.org.uk/

Provider	Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development
Title	Variety of people management and service development courses
Delivery method	Mainly one or two day short courses
Eligibility	Target audience varies – check website
Cost	Varies according to course – fairly expensive - check website
Time taken to complete	Varies according to course – check website
Contact details	http://www.cipd.co.uk

Research skills

Provider	National Network of Research and Development Support Units for health care research (England)
Delivery method	Workshops, seminars, short courses
Eligibility	No restrictions on website – check when booking
Cost	Mainly free to NHS staff
Time taken to complete	Various – mainly one to two day courses
Contact details	http://www.rdlearning.org.uk/pages/rdsu.asp or via http://www.national-rdsu.org.uk

Provider	National Training and Research Appraisal Group (NTRAG)
Delivery method	Commissioned training ranging from one-day workshops to one-week intensive trainer-training.
Eligibility	No restrictions on website – check when booking.
Cost	The cost of commissioned workshops depends on location and the specific requirements of the programme (i.e. length, number of participants, number of tutors required). Contact NTRAG for more information.
Time taken to complete	See 'Delivery method'
Contact details	http://www.ntrag.co.uk/

Provider	The Institute of Clinical Research
Title	Various courses on clinical research as well as professional development including time management and writing skills
Delivery method	Mixture of methods including e-learning, in-house training, and courses, some of which lead to postgraduate certificates, diplomas and higher degrees in Clinical Research in association with Cranfield University
Eligibility	Varies – check website
Cost	Varies – check website
Time taken to complete	Varies – check website

Contact details	http://www.instituteofclinicalresearch.org
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Provider	UK Clinical Research Network
Title	Various courses on clinical research skills
Delivery method	Mainly stand alone study days
Eligibility	Varies – check website
Cost	UKCRN courses are free of charge to all those working on or associated with the UKCRN portfolio of trials
Time taken to complete	Mainly stand alone study days
Contact details	http://www.ukcrn.org.uk

Provider	Open University
Title	Various MSc degrees in Research Methods
Delivery method	Distance learning
Eligibility	Normally an upper second class degree, or equivalent.
Cost	Varies – check the Research Degrees Prospectus
Time taken to complete	Varies – check the Research Degrees Prospectus

Contact details	http://www.open.ac.uk/courses
Provider	University of Portsmouth - School of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences
Title	MSc Pharmacy Practice
Delivery method	See prospectus
Eligibility	Pharmacy degree (BSc, BPharm or MPharm) with a minimum classification of 2.2, registration as a practising pharmacist with the RPSGB and a practice-base (i.e. paid employment at an accredited centre).
Cost	2007 - part-time fees begin at £1050
Time taken to complete	Part-time, normally 3 years
Contact details	http://www.port.ac.uk

Provider	University of Portsmouth – School of Health Sciences and Social Work
Title	Evidence-Based Health (Postgraduate certificates [60 points], postgraduate diplomas [120 points] and MSc degrees [180 points])
Delivery method	See prospectus
Eligibility	Applicants are generally expected to hold an honours degree in an appropriate clinical or scientific subject or have a qualification or professional experience deemed equivalent by the University of Portsmouth.

Cost	2007 - part-time fees begin at £1050
Time taken to complete	Part-time, depends upon level studied
Contact details	http://www.port.ac.uk

Service development

Provider	Learn Direct
Title	Variety of business and management courses
Delivery method	Variety of methods including e-learning short courses available to buy online that can be completed in the workplace
Eligibility	No restrictions identified
Cost	Varies according to course – check website
Time taken to complete	Start from less than one hour and upwards
Contact details	http://catalogue.learndirect.co.uk/browse/sfl/

Provider	Waypointers UK National Development Scheme for Senior Pharmacists and National Development Scheme for Senior Pharmacy Technicians
Delivery method	One week of residential study, followed by a second residential week six months later, with a work-related project during the intervening period.
Eligibility	Senior pharmacists grade E and above (or AFC equivalent). Applications

	may be considered from grade D. MTO 3 and above (or AFC equivalent)
Cost	2007 £2360:00 (+ £413.00 VAT)
Time taken to complete	See 'Delivery methods'
Contact details	http://www.waypointers.co.uk/

Provider	Chartered Management Institute
Title	Wide range of management qualifications (e.g. certificates and diplomas), short courses and coaching.
Delivery method	Varies – see website
Eligibility	Varies – see website
Cost	Varies – see website
Time taken to complete	Varies according to level studied – see website
Contact details	http://www.managers.org.uk

Provider	Chartered Institute of Librarians and Information Professionals
Title	Variety of people management and service development courses
Delivery method	Mainly one or two day courses, either off-site or in the workplace
Eligibility	Target audience varies – check website

Cost	Varies – check website
Time taken to complete	Mainly one or two day courses but check website
Contact details	http://www.cilip.org.uk/

Provider	Institute of Leadership and Management
Title	People management and service development courses leading to a wide variety of qualifications
Delivery method	Varies according to the course – check website
Eligibility	Varies according to the course – check website
Cost	Varies according to the course – check website
Time taken to complete	Varies according to the course – check website
Contact details	http://www.i-l-m.com

Provider	Open University
Title	Development Management (Postgraduate certificates [60 points], postgraduate diplomas [120 points] and MSc degrees [180 points])
Delivery method	Distance learning
Eligibility	Bachelors degree from a UK university or equivalent is strongly

	recommended
Cost	Various – 2006 UK fees currently between £875 to £1130
Time taken to complete	Each 30 point module takes about 6 months to complete
Contact details	http://www.open.ac.uk/courses

Provider	Open University
Title	Management (Postgraduate certificates [60 points], postgraduate diplomas [120 points] and MSc degrees MPA and MBAs [180 points])
Delivery method	Distance learning
Eligibility	Varies – check website for details
Cost	Varies – check website for details
Time taken to complete	Varies – check website for details
Contact details	http://www.open.ac.uk/courses

Provider	University of Portsmouth – School of Health Sciences and Social Work
Title	Advanced Professional Development In Clinical And Health Sciences
Delivery method	See prospectus
Eligibility	A first degree or relevant experience; further advice is given to

	individuals on enquiry.
Cost	2007 - part-time fees begin at £1050
Time taken to complete	Part-time, 2 years
Contact details	http://www.port.ac.uk

Provider	University of Portsmouth – Strategy and Business Systems
Title	MSc Knowledge Management
Delivery method	See prospectus
Eligibility	A good honours degree awarded by a recognised body in a relevant discipline or substantial relevant work experience and a satisfactory interview.
Cost	2007 - part-time fees begin at £1050, full-time begin at £3160
Time taken to complete	Full or part-time, 15 months or 30 months
Contact details	http://www.port.ac.uk

Provider	University of Portsmouth – Strategy and Business Systems
Title	MSc Project Management/ MSc Project Management and Leadership
Delivery method	See prospectus

Eligibility	A degree or equivalent, or HND BTEC specified by School plus experience.
Cost	2007 - part-time fees begin at £1050, full-time begin at £3160
Time taken to complete	Full or part-time, 15 months or 30 months
Contact details	http://www.port.ac.uk

Provider	City University, London
Title	Various courses leading to management qualifications including MSc Health Management, MSc Management and MBA.
Delivery method	See prospectus
Eligibility	Varies according to course – check website
Cost	Varies according to course – check website
Time taken to complete	Varies according to course – check website
Contact details	http://www.city.ac.uk

Provider	Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development
Title	Variety of people management and service development courses
Delivery method	Mainly one or two day short courses

Eligibility	Target audience varies – check website
Cost	Varies according to course – fairly expensive - check website
Time taken to complete	Varies according to course – check website
Contact details	http://www.cipd.co.uk

Time management

Provider	Learn Direct
Title	Variety of business and management courses including time management and improving personal effectiveness
Delivery method	Variety of methods including e-learning short courses available to buy online that can be completed in the workplace
Eligibility	No restrictions identified
Cost	Varies according to course – check website
Time taken to complete	Start from less than one hour and upwards
Contact details	http://catalogue.learndirect.co.uk/browse/sfl/

Provider	Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (England)
Delivery method	CPPE use a mixture of open learning, workshops, e-learning, small group learning and learning@lunch

Eligibility	Pharmacists and technicians registered with RPSGB, working for the NHS in England
Cost	Free
Time taken to complete	Various
Contact details	http://www.cppe.manchester.ac.uk/

Provider	Irish Centre for Continuing Pharmaceutical Education
Delivery method	Open learning, e-learning (audio CD-ROM, DVD and in print), live (group) learning
Eligibility	Website states that training material is aimed at community pharmacists and qualified assistants in Ireland. However helpdesk confirmed that hospital pharmacists working in the community are able to attend, although there may be some restrictions on hospital technicians. Check when booking.
Cost	An annual registration fee of €50 is payable for participation in ICCPE learning programmes. The concessionary fee of €20 is available for pre-registration students.
Time taken to complete	Various
Contact details	http://www.iccpe.ie/index.cfm/loc/1/pt/96.htm

Provider	The Institute of Clinical Research
Title	Various courses on clinical research as well as professional development

	including time management and writing skills
Delivery method	Mixture of methods including e-learning, in-house training, and courses, some of which lead to postgraduate certificates, diplomas and higher degrees in Clinical Research in association with Cranfield University
Eligibility	Varies – check website
Cost	Varies – check website
Time taken to complete	Varies – check website
Contact details	http://www.instituteofclinicalresearch.org

Writing skills

Provider	Learn Direct
Title	Variety of business and management courses including business writing skills
Delivery method	Variety of methods including e-learning short courses available to buy online that can be completed in the workplace
Eligibility	No restrictions identified
Cost	Varies according to course – check website
Time taken to complete	From several hours and upwards
Contact details	http://catalogue.learndirect.co.uk/browse/sfl/

Provider	Drug Safety Research Unit
Delivery method	Short courses, conferences
Eligibility	No restrictions on website – check when booking.
Cost	2007 - various – about £500 to 700 for NHS
Time taken to complete	Various – mainly one to two day courses and conferences
Contact details	http://www.dsru.org

Provider	National Network of Research and Development Support Units for health care research (England)
Delivery method	Workshops, seminars, short courses
Eligibility	No restrictions on website – check when booking
Cost	Mainly free to NHS staff
Time taken to complete	Various – mainly one to two day courses
Contact details	http://www.rdlearning.org.uk/pages/rdsu.asp or via http://www.national-rdsu.org.uk

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