

## Distance learning courses

It is compulsory for pre-registration students to complete the following distance learning courses during the pre-registration year.

Distance learning course	Additional information	Date by which MCQs should be completed and submitted
Controlled drugs – striking a balance	1 course	1st October 2018*
Responsible pharmacist	1 course	1st October 2018*
The EU General Data Protection Regulation	1 course	1st October 2018*
Minor ailments: - CNS - Eyes, ears and oral health - GI - Infections and infestations - Respiratory - Skin - Urogenital	7 courses	28th December 2018
Patient safety: - High risk medicines: Insulin - High risk medicines: Opioids - High risk medicines: Oral anticoagulants - Medical calculations - Medication incidents	5 courses	22nd February 2019
Patient medication review and record	1 course	19th April 2019

\* MCQs MUST be completed and submitted by this date

After studying each course you should complete the associated MCQs online. The pass mark for MCQs is 70% and there is no negative marking. **You will be allowed a maximum of two attempts to achieve the 70% pass rate.**

In order to structure your training year, it is recommended that you complete the MCQs by the dates suggested in the table. Please note that 'Controlled drugs –striking a balance', 'Responsible pharmacist' and 'The EU General Data Protection Regulation' courses **MUST be completed** by 1st October 2018. Failure to complete these courses by this date will result in you not being permitted to participate in the *Law and Ethics* workshops.

**All MCQs associated with the remaining compulsory distance learning courses MUST be completed by 19th April 2019 at the latest.**



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## Mandatory courses for Pre-Registration Trainees

2018 – 2019



## From the Centre

The Northern Ireland Centre for Pharmacy Learning and Development (NICPLD) facilitates continuing professional development (CPD) for pharmacists, pre-registration trainees and pharmacy technicians via various learning and funding programmes.

Course enrolment/access is done online via the NICPLD website ([www.nicpld.org](http://www.nicpld.org)). You must first register for the website using your unique identifier number, which you should have already received in a letter posted to your preferred address. Subsequently, you need only login to the website using your email and password.

The Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has specified certain NICPLD live and distance learning courses as mandatory for pre-registration trainees. You must enrol for the following mandatory one day workshops:

1. **Supporting professional practice**
2. **Law and ethics**
3. **Basic and emergency first aid.**

In relation to the three live one day workshops, each will be held on a number of different dates to facilitate your attendance. It is your responsibility to ensure that you book your place on each workshop using the online booking system. If all the places for a given date are taken you should select another date on which that workshop runs. To ensure that you do get the dates of your choice, it is advisable to apply early.

**Applications for compulsory workshops must be made online by the closing dates specified.** After these specified dates, the online booking system will close.

If you need to withdraw from a workshop, you must notify us at least three working days before the workshop date. If notification is received closer to the workshop date, a non-attendance cost will be charged to you. This cost is currently £60 for the *Basic and emergency first aid* workshop and £30 for the *Law and ethics* and *Supporting professional practice* workshops.

All of the mandatory distance learning courses can be accessed online also via the NICPLD website. All distance learning courses are assessed by multiple-choice questions (MCQs) which you must also complete online and score at least 70% to be accredited with the hours of learning.

When you have completed all mandatory courses you can print a certificate of completion from the NICPLD website which you must submit to the PSNI before you can register as a pharmacist.

### Live workshop

# 1

## Supporting professional practice

### Dates, time and venue

Tuesday 18th September 2018  
Monday 24th September 2018

**9.30am – 5.00pm**

**Riddel Hall, Stranmillis Road, Belfast.**

### Aim

To outline the obligations and responsibilities of pharmacy professionals in relation to the practice of pharmacy within Northern Ireland.

<b>Hours of learning</b>	5.5 hours
<b>Places available</b>	85 participants per date
<b>Closing date</b>	31st August 2018

### Live workshop

# 2

## Law and ethics

### Dates, time and venue

Friday 12th October 2018  
Friday 9th November 2018  
Friday 7th December 2018  
Friday 25th January 2019  
Friday 22nd February 2019

**10.00am – 5.00pm**

**Riddel Hall, Stranmillis Road, Belfast.**

### Aim

To address the link between law and ethics and how they apply to the practice of pharmacy in Northern Ireland.

<b>Hours of learning</b>	5.5 hours
<b>Places available</b>	30/31 participants per date
<b>Closing date</b>	31st August 2018

### Live workshop

# 3

## Basic and emergency first aid

### Dates, time and venue

Monday 29th October 2018  
Tuesday 30th October 2018  
Wednesday 31st October 2018  
Thursday 1st November 2018  
Monday 3rd December 2018  
Tuesday 4th December 2018  
Wednesday 5th December 2018  
Thursday 6th December 2018  
Monday 11th February 2019  
Tuesday 12th February 2019  
Wednesday 13th February 2019  
Thursday 14th February 2019

**9.30am – 4.30pm**

**North Down First Aid, High Street, Bangor.**

### Aim

To enable pre-registration students to deal with minor and deteriorating conditions and to use emergency life support techniques where appropriate.

<b>Hours of learning</b>	5.5 hours
<b>Places available</b>	13 participants per date
<b>Closing date</b>	31st August 2018