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## **Further NHS funded training places for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians**

**NHS England has announced further NHS funded Independent Prescribing courses for pharmacists and further places on CPPE's Accuracy checking pharmacy technician (ACPT) programme for pharmacy technicians.**

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### **Further funded IP training for community pharmacists**

The NHS is offering further independent prescribing (IP) courses for community pharmacists, including locums.

This training, funded by NHS England, enables pharmacists to support patients from diagnosis to prescribing, and to provide advice and follow-up – while also helping them to feel confident and prepared for the new challenges of their role.

Courses are available until the end of March 2025, with several universities offering multiple dates for cohort intakes. Start dates will depend on the university provider.

**To find out more, visit the [NHS England website](#).**

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### **CPPE ACPT programme – free NHS funded places available**

NHS England has funded the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) to offer further places on their Accuracy checking pharmacy technician (ACPT) programme for pharmacy technicians.

The ACPT programme is a 3-12-month training and development programme available to pharmacy technicians, with employer support. The course is designed to support pharmacy technicians in meeting a range of competencies during their training in order to deliver safe and effective patient care.

The scope of the programme is to train and assess pharmacy technicians to perform the final accuracy check of dispensed items on prescriptions that have been clinically screened/approved by a pharmacist.

Applications are now open with up to 10 funded places available per month and 80 funded places available in total; funding will end when all 80 places have been allocated, or by the end of March 2025.

## Apply for the CPPE ACPT programme

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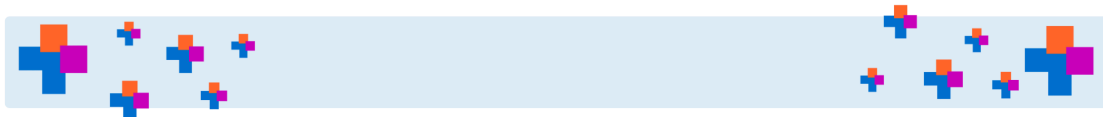
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