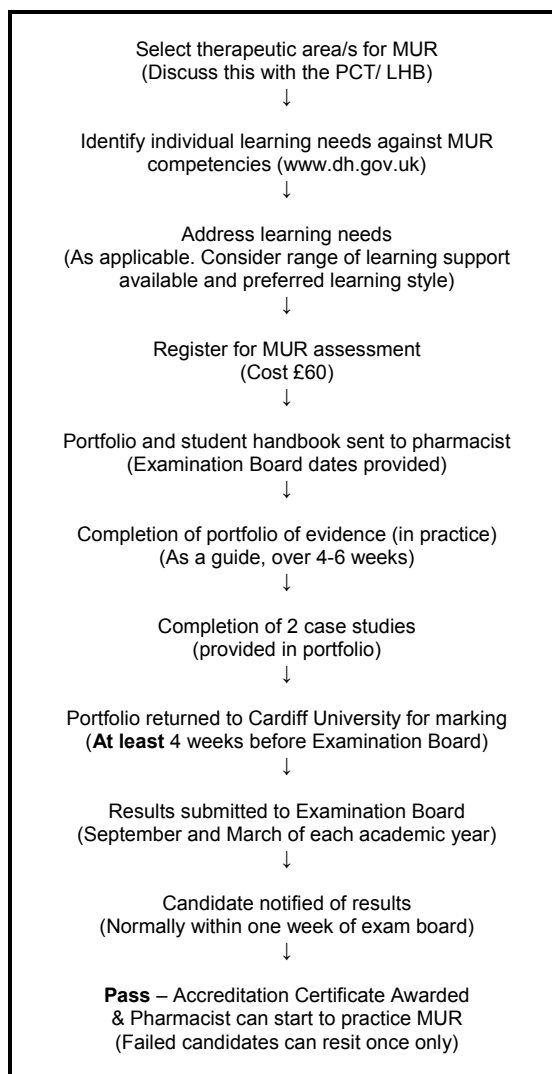


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Practice Certificate in
Medicines Use Review and Prescription
Intervention



Figure 1: Summary of the Cardiff University, MUR
assessment process



**PRACTICE CERTIFICATE
IN
MEDICINES USE REVIEW
(MUR) AND PRESCRIPTION
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Medicines Use Review (MUR) Accreditation

Medicines use review (MUR) aims to make the best use of the skills of pharmacists and to provide patients with access to pharmacists' expertise in order to address their specific medication needs. This new service is part of the advanced level tier of the new Pharmacy contractual framework (April 2005). The Welsh Assembly Government and the Department of Health (DoH) have stipulated that pharmacists must first gain accreditation from a Higher Education Institution (HEI) and have published competencies for the assessment of pharmacists wishing to provide MUR services. The Welsh School of Pharmacy (WSP) and WCPPE at Cardiff University have developed an educational and assessment programme for pharmacists to prepare them for MUR. This was set up in 2005 and a number of pharmacists are already registered for the Cardiff University assessment.

Overview of Educational Support

WCPPE provide short courses to help pharmacists meet the clinical governance and practice requirements for advanced level services. For further information on future courses please contact one of the WCPPE tutors or Janette Breidon (WCPPE administrator) on 02920 874784 / breidon@cf.ac.uk. Other Schools of Pharmacy in England have also developed similar learning support schemes to prepare pharmacists for the assessment, for example, as joint events with RPSGB local branches.

Overview of Assessment

The Cardiff University assessment tests both the theory and practice aspects of MUR via submission of a structured portfolio of evidence which is divided into 2 parts. Figure 1 (overleaf) provides a summary of the assessment process.

The Portfolio

The first part of the portfolio has been developed to guide candidates through the process of conducting a MUR to

help develop the knowledge and skills required to achieve competency. This includes the design of a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for conducting MUR in the workplace; completion of a minimum of two MUR cases (provided); a minimum of two MUR episodes of care (in practice) accompanied by completion of a therapeutic and consultation skills framework for each case; mapping of portfolio work against the DoH competency framework together with a reflective account of the learning process to illustrate how competency for MUR has been achieved. Following this, candidates should feel well prepared and have a clear understanding of their 'fitness to practice' MUR and be ready to complete part 2. This involves completion of two MUR case studies which are provided to candidates in the portfolio. Where possible these cases will be tailored to the therapeutic area/s that the pharmacist intends to practice MUR.

Accreditation

Accreditation is awarded upon satisfactory completion of all aspects of the portfolio.

Who is eligible?

All pharmacists registered by the RPSGB who wish to practice MUR are eligible for registration for the Cardiff University assessment.

Cost

The fee for registration for the assessment is £60. Following payment, a portfolio will be sent to the candidate who will be notified of forthcoming Exam Board dates.

Affiliations

This assessment has been developed in collaboration with 5 other Schools of Pharmacy (Universities of Brighton, East Anglia, Hertfordshire, London and Portsmouth). For further information about the assessment contact Dr Delyth James, Cardiff University on 02920 875828 / jamesdh@cf.ac.uk.

Practice Certificate in Medicines Use Review

Please register me for the Cardiff University MUR assessment (enclose a cheque for £60 made payable to Welsh School of Pharmacy):

Name:

RPSGB Registration No:

Position:

Postal address:

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Postcode:

Tel:

Email:

Therapeutic area/s:

If you do not wish to be contacted for feedback on the MUR assessment, please tick here

Please return to:

Certificate in MUR (WCPPE)
Welsh School of Pharmacy
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Or telephone Janette Breidon on 02920 874784

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Registration forms can also be downloaded from
www.http://cf.ac.uk/phrmy/WCPPE