

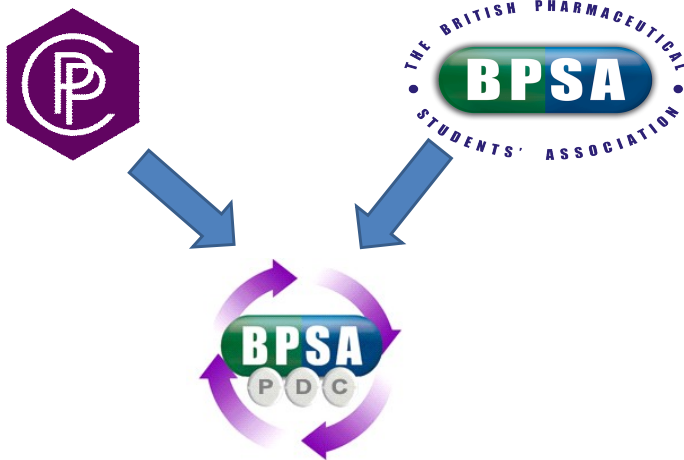
The British Pharmaceutical Students' Association (BPSA) Professional Development Certificate (PDC) Scheme accredited by the College of Pharmacy Practice (CPP)

Jamie Wilkinson, *Educational Development Officer 2008-09* for the British Pharmaceutical Students' Association and third-year pharmacy undergraduate at Kingston University explains the scheme and highlights its benefits.

Students attend and engage in a variety of CPP-accredited activities to earn at least five PDPs (Professional Development Points) during any one academic year. Afterwards they complete a reflective form. Five PDPs are needed in any one academic year for the BPSA-CPP Professional Development Certificate (PDC). Read on to find out about the potential benefits to students, tutors and employers.

What is it?

The PDC is awarded jointly by the BPSA and the College of Pharmacy Practice.

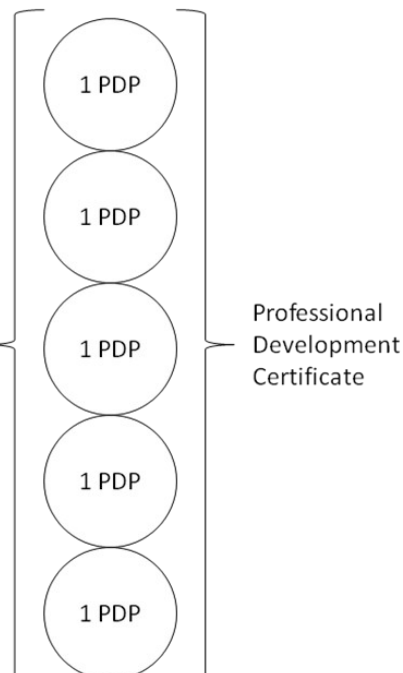


The scheme can bridge the gap between undergraduates, tutors and employers by introducing and developing 'work skills' coveted by employers, while preparing students for the competency-based preregistration year.

The certificate is awarded upon collection of five PDPs through participation in accredited events:

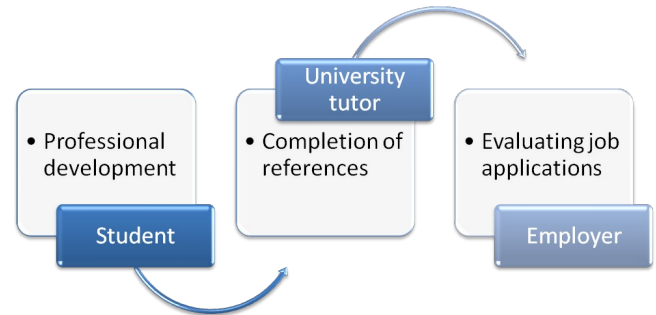
CPP-accredited events

- BPSA area conference
- BPSA annual conference
- BPSA day at BPSA annual conference
- Local RPSGB branch meeting
- The McNeil Responding to Symptoms Competitions
- The credit for learning articles in the Future Pharmacist
- The Reckitt Benckiser Student of the Year Competition
- The Unichem Pharmacy Student Award Competition
- The Graduate Conferences
- RPSGB library meetings
- Local BPSA-accredited events



How could it help you?

Students can write about their certificate on pharmacy job applications to set themselves apart from others....



.....and tutors could play a leading role in highlighting students' PDC achievements on relevant applications. Pharmacy employers could benefit by further streamlining their selection processes.

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of pharmacy students who have
discovered something.....



**"I ask all my tutees for a copy
of their portfolios to help me
write their pre-registration
reference."** *Senior Lecturer in Pharmacy*

Turn the page to find out
how to help yourself
to a better job reference

