

# Advanced Pharmacy Practice at the University of Bath

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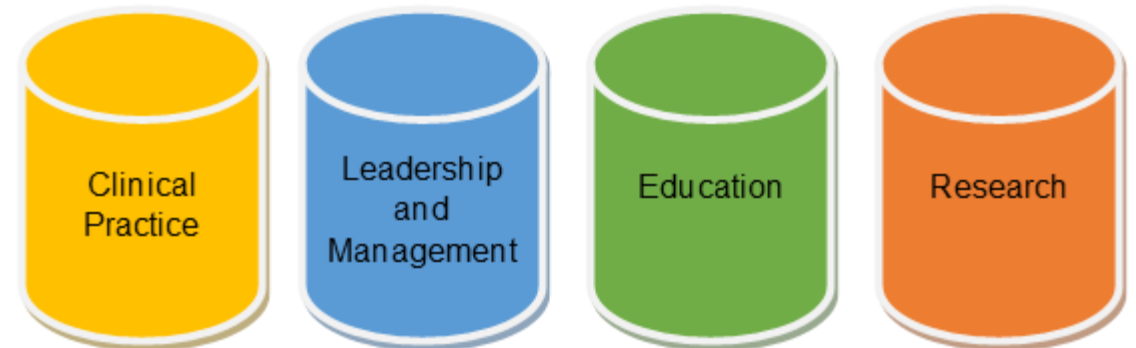


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# Advanced Practice

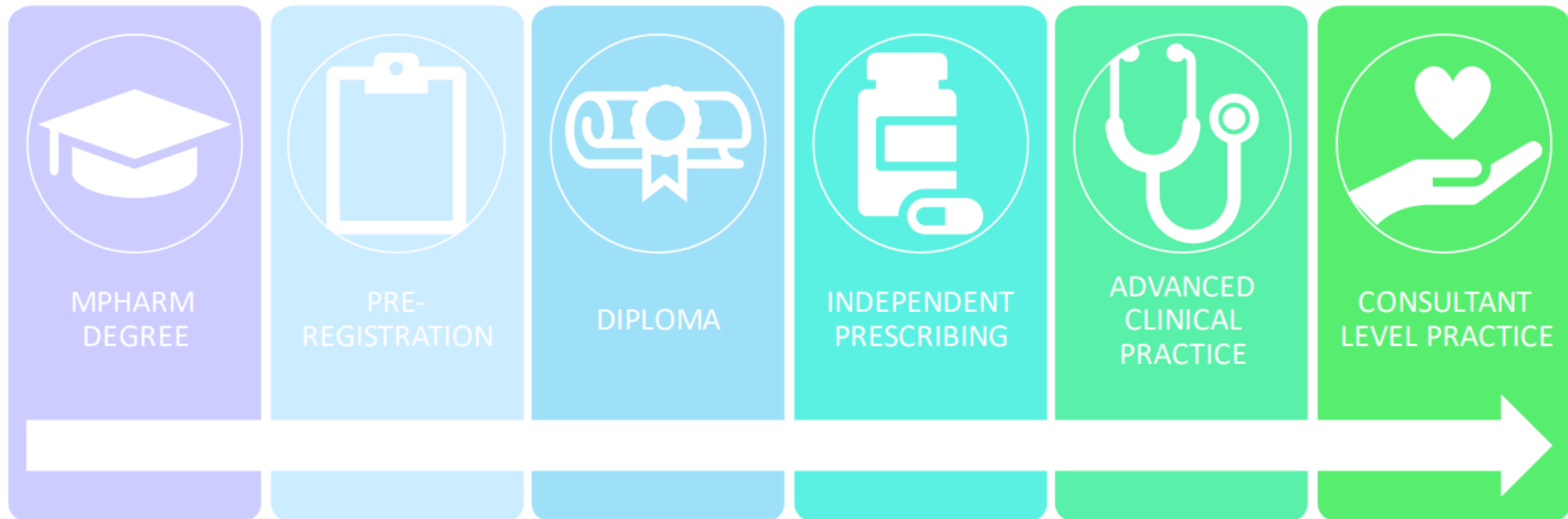
- Across contexts and professions, four pillars of advanced practice have become established
- The entire AP3T programme is designed to support pharmacists in developing across these domains
- Units including ACA are specifically designed to develop pharmacists working in or aspiring to advanced roles





# Advanced Practice in Pharmacy

What did progression to advanced practice look like?




# Who decides what is advanced?


This is still a very live topic!

- Royal Pharmaceutical Society
- Health Education England - next slide
- Other professional bodies


Changes in the Pharmacy Undergraduate and Foundation training will also have an influence




**Post-registration Foundation**  
The stepping stone to advanced patient-focused pharmacy practice.



**Core Advanced**  
Defining and assuring the core capabilities of an advanced pharmacist working in any patient-focused role.



**Consultant**  
Assuring consistency in consultant pharmacist posts and credentialing pharmacists as consultant ready.



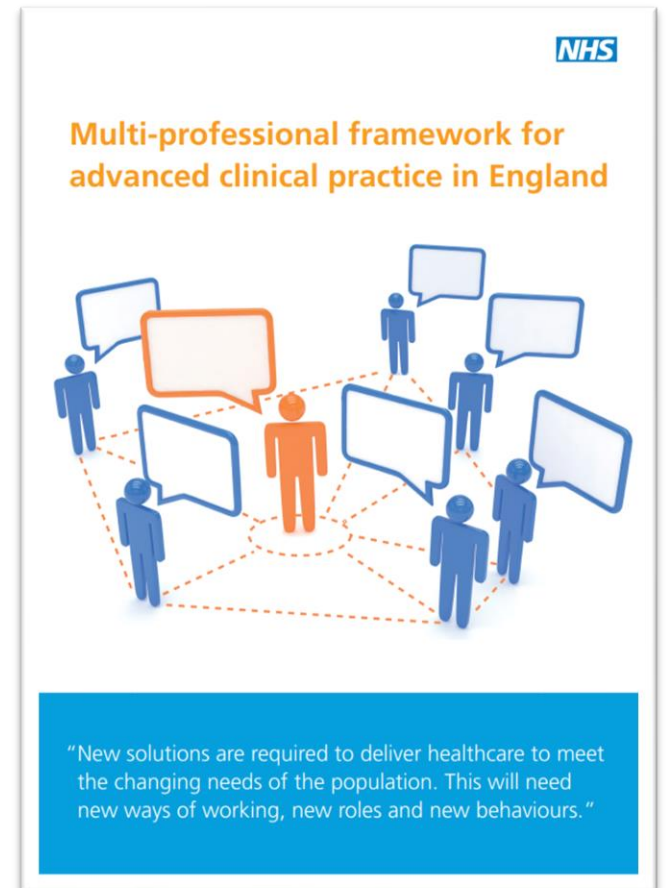
**Faculty**  
Recognising RPS members as working at advancing levels of practice in any pharmacy role.

# Advanced Clinical Practitioners or ACPs

Advanced Clinical Practitioners or ACPs are healthcare professionals working in one type of advanced practice defined by a national framework published by Health Education England

It's not **currently** a protected title and there is not **yet** an agreed pathway to becoming an ACP

There are a small number of MSc courses accredited by the NMC and/or HEE



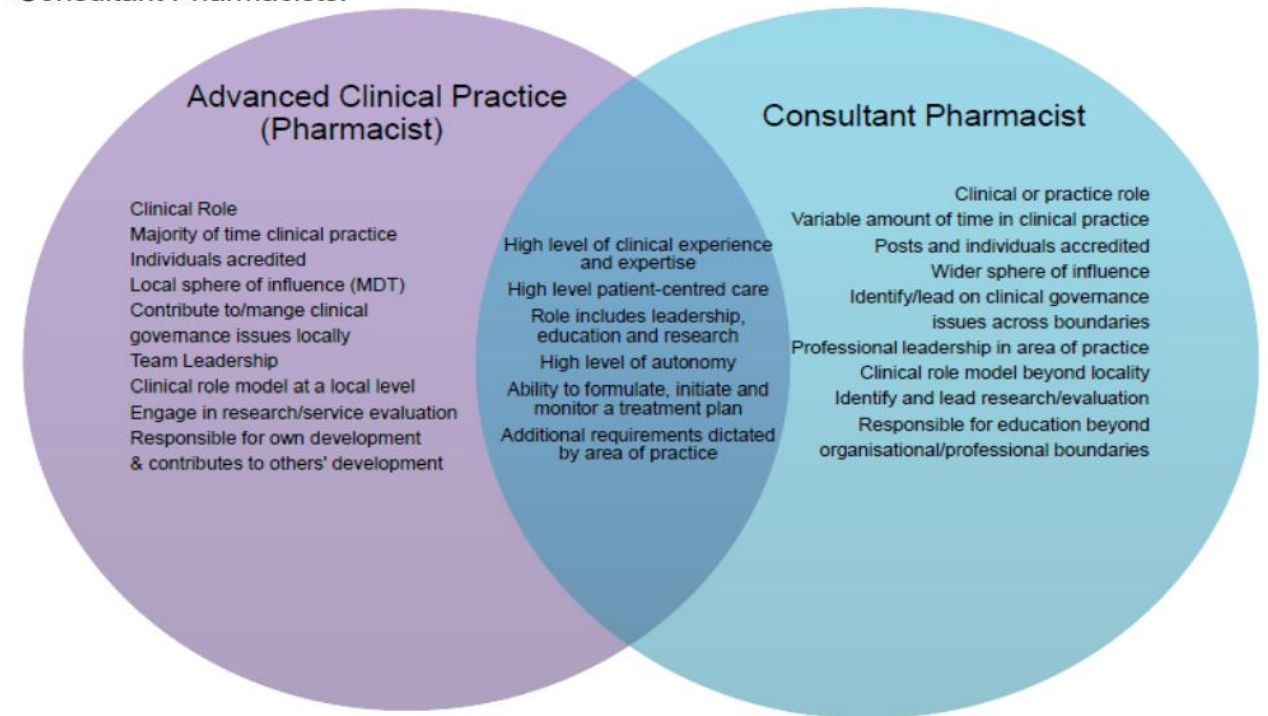
# What about Consultant roles?

Consultant pharmacists are clinical experts who work at a senior level, delivering care and driving change across the healthcare system. They've demonstrated the level of competence expected of a consultant pharmacist and their post has been reviewed and approved.

<https://www.rpharms.com/development/credentialing>



Fig.1. Comparison of practice for Advanced Clinical Practitioner Pharmacists and Consultant Pharmacists.



# What can we offer you now?

We are constantly monitoring the national and local conversation about advanced practice in both pharmacy and multidisciplinary contexts

The ACA unit has been designed to sit alongside the IP unit to support pharmacists aspiring to ACP or other advanced roles

On its own, it's not sufficient to demonstrate all competencies required of an ACP but does meet many elements of the clinical pillar

It's been designed to meet the specific needs of pharmacists (which are likely to be different from other HCPs in this context)

# The Future

The ACA unit can be combine with other units in our programme to achieve a postgraduate Certificate, Diploma or MSc

There are various restrictions on the MSc award, depending on previous units taken and the date your programme commenced

We are seeking HEE accreditation of our 'Advanced Clinical Pharmacy Practice' MSc

We are actively engaged with Health Education England about supporting pharmacists seeking a portfolio route to the ACP role

We are re-developing our other advanced units

Research Methods in April 2023, Teaching in Healthcare Sept 2023 and Leadership Jan 2024



# Building a programme of study

The flexible nature of our programme allows you to build a programme of study to suit you and your developing career, and we would encourage you to discuss options for future study with us

It is sometimes possible to import credit from other programmes of learning, although there are certain restrictions on this process so, please talk to us if this is something you are considering. Common examples are:

- Independent Prescribing from another HEI

- PCPEP (see next slide)

It is possible to study individual units or build an award: PGCert; PGDip or MSc

# Clinical Pharmacy Practice

## Advanced Post-registration Training for Primary Care Pharmacists



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### **Using the CPPE Primary Care Pharmacy Education Pathway (PCPEP) towards an academic award in advanced pharmacy clinical practice in the primary care setting.**

If you have completed PCPEP and you want to gain Masters-level academic credits towards an award in clinical pharmacy (postgraduate certificate, diploma or MSc), the University of Bath is providing a route to do this.

This route is called Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) and PCPEP meets the learning outcomes for two of the units from the primary care and community programme:

- Professional Skills for Medicines Optimisation (15 credits)
- Evidence Based Pharmacy Practice (15 credits)

The APEL route requires you to evidence that you meet the learning outcomes from these units by completing a portfolio e.g. a Medicines Optimisation Tool (care plan) and reflective commentary. The time given to complete each portfolio is 11-weeks. There is tutor support regarding the portfolio but no teaching as this will already have been done through PCPEP.

Successful completion of the APEL route for both units provides 30 Masters-level academic credits towards your chosen award. The cost is considerably lower than the taught units.