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Programme Specification for the Delivery of a Pharmacy-based Vaccination Service Training Course

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Part One

Generic Interim Accreditation Standards

[The Generic Interim Accreditation Standards for Formal Programmes of Learning for Pharmacy in Ireland](#)¹ apply to educational programmes for the Development of a Pharmacy-based Vaccination Service. The generic standards should be referred to when accrediting any related education and training programme(s).

Part Two

Indicative Desired Programme Content and Deliverables

The aim of the training is to enable pharmacists to, competently and safely prepare the pharmacy setting for a vaccination service.

It is recommended that the learning objectives be achieved through an on-line learning format.

Pharmacists must meet the relevant training requirements as specified by the PSI Council.

The following indicative learning objectives are a general guide for training providers to an appropriate scope of the curriculum content for a programme in the preparation of a pharmacy for a vaccination service.

- Describe the professional role of the pharmacist, and the legal, regulatory, and liability issues involved in providing a pharmacy vaccination service
- Outline the provisions of SI 525/2011 and SI 449/2015 as they relate to the delivery of a pharmacy-based vaccination service
- Explain the partnership being undertaken with government, other agencies, other health care professionals
- Detail the principles of immunology and immunisation (including the legal and ethical aspects of immunisation)
- Describe the administration of vaccines in general (e.g. pre-injection assessments, correct positioning, ensuring patient comfort and safety, administration of vaccines and any post-injection processes)
- Appraise the relevant occupational health and safety issues
- Detail the readiness of pharmacy site for the provision of a vaccination service including:
 - knowledge of the PSI Guidance on the Provision of Vaccination Services by Pharmacists in Retail Pharmacy Businesses
 - clean, safe, private and comfortable area for administration of injections in line with any PSI guidelines; facilities including furniture to accommodate workflow, comfort of patient and post vaccination waiting period

¹ Revised version approved by the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland on 26 June 2012.

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- availability of all appropriate equipment for injection and waste handling
- appropriate stock of vaccines (and adrenaline) stocks available
- appropriate emergency kit/supplies in stock for the management of adverse events
- appropriate on site 'dummy runs' performed and superintendent pharmacist/supervising pharmacist approval or 'sign-off'
- Development of written policies and procedures relevant to providing a vaccination service
- Explain the importance of effective communication by pharmacists to patients and relevant stakeholders in the provision of a pharmacy-based vaccination service.

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- College of Pharmacists of British Columbia
- Canadian Council for Continuing Education in Pharmacy
- Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
- Pharmaceutical Society of Australia
- Pharmacy Board of Australia
- Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland
- National Association of Pharmacy Board