The Centre for Health, Wellbeing and Social Science offers a comprehensive range of courses in Dental and Pharmacy.

Our Dental programmes include Dental Care Assistant and a Dental Nursing Diploma. We also offer valuable work placements to help you gain practical dentistry experience.

Our pharmacy qualifications range from entry level SVQ Level 2 Pharmacy Services to advanced level HNC Pharmacy Services Development and Management. Our NC in Pharmacy Services is approved by the General Pharmaceutical Council. All of our pharmacy courses are delivered in collaboration with the NHS to offer you valuable work experience. Our NC Pharmacy Services course also linked with Queen Margaret University Pharmaceutical courses. Successful completion of the NC program at Edinburgh College will qualify you for entry onto QMU Pharmacy courses (terms and conditions may apply).

“We are proud to advise that we have recruited students from the college every year since commencing this programme.”

“At Lindsay and Gilmour Pharmacy, my colleagues and I have been fortunate to work with students at Edinburgh College. The partnership has proven to be of benefit to all concerned and a good professional relationship has developed.

As a direct result of this relationship, students undertaking the National Certificate in Pharmacy Services have been able to achieve the mandatory hours for their course and have gained an insight into community pharmacy offering them the chance to assess this as a future career pathway. Our managers have been able to offer guidance, training and feedback whilst assessing the ability of the students as trainee pharmacy technicians.”

ELAINE ROBERTSON | PHARMACY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, LINDSAY AND GILMOUR PHARMACY

Classes were varied, lecturers were very supportive and always there to help if needed. The College always had a great atmosphere, I think due to the amount of different people there.

FORMER FULL TIME NC PHARMACY STUDENT
SPOTLIGHT

CLASS OF 33

Edinburgh College pioneering course for dental care assistants is aimed at young people and those with no formal qualifications the opportunity of a career.

“Giving more opportunities to more people makes a health dental sector. The introductory Dental Care Assistant course claims to be the first of its kind in Scotland and its first cohort of 33 students completed in January 2016. As well as covering the basics when it comes to dental knowledge, the course including other essential tuition. Tom MacGregor, Curriculum Manager Dental & Pharmacy Studies, explained “Future employment opportunities were at the heart of our thinking when we designed the course. Accordingly, we work very closely with the college’s core skills team to incorporate elements of communication, numeracy and IT – every dental nurse registrant must be equipped with fundamental know-how in these areas”.

Stewart McRobert & Mark K Jackson – Scottish Dental Magazine

This course provides opportunities for young people and for those with no formal qualifications to get a foot on the ladder.

TOM MACGREGOR | CURRICULUM MANAGER
DENTAL & PHARMACY STUDIES
This PDA in Dental Nursing qualification follows on from SVQ 3 in Dental Nursing and is a mandatory requirement for all Dental Nurse trainees. All Dental Nurse Trainees are required to achieve BOTH the SVQ 3 in Dental Nursing AND the PDA in Dental Nursing qualifications.

Dental nurses give advice, monitor and reassure patients and assist in dealing with complaints procedures. If you are looking for a career as a dental care professional this course is for you.

4 National 5 including English and Biology. Adult learners with relevant employment/life experience/skills will be considered for entry to this course. Work based candidates must be currently employed in the dental industry with a minimum of 3 months experience. You may be required to complete an aptitude test at interview.

Dental Care Assistant

This short full-time courses (18 weeks) is designed for school leavers, young people and adult returners. This an introduction level course and covers skills and knowledge relative to the Dental Technology profession. A Dental Technology Assistant will support the role of Dental Technologists in dental technology laboratories and hospitals.

No formal entry requirements. Candidates must demonstrate an understanding of the dental technicians role, practice good oral hygiene themselves and have strong interpersonal and communication skills.
Courses

Pharmacy

Pharmacy Services Development and Management HNC
This HNC Pharmacy Services is a post registration* qualification and is designed for career progression.
GPhC Registered as a Pharmacy Technician. Currently employed in the Pharmacy or related industry and be nominated and supported by your employer.

Pharmacy Services Intensive SVQ Level 3
Course follows on from the NC in Pharmacy Services with a greater understanding of the pharmacy industry.
Pharmacy Services NC. Currently employed in the Pharmacy or related industry and be nominated and supported by your employer.

Pharmacy Services NC
This course will prepare you for the role of a Pharmacy Technician. A Pharmacy Technician is a qualified and registered* member of the Health Care Professional team and works alongside Pharmacists in the course of administering medicines and pharmaceutical care.
4 National 5 including a Science & English or equivalent. Adult learners with relevant employment/life experience/skills will be considered for entry to this course. Work based candidates must be employed in a Dental Technology Setting with a minimum of 3 months experience and may require an aptitude test.

Pharmacy Services SVQ Level 2
This course is designed to increase your skills if you are employed as a Pharmacy Dispenser or Pharmacy Support Worker working in a hospital or community pharmacy. You will carry out your studies in the workplace to provide evidence required for the SVQ standards.
Minimum 2 passes at SCQF Level 4. You must either be employed as a Dispenser or Assistant Pharmacy Support Worker working in a hospital or community pharmacy setting. To be considered for this course candidates must be employed in a Pharmacy setting and will have been nominated and supported by their employer.

Pharmacy Introduction
This Introduction to Pharmacy course is designed for school leavers young people and adult returners. This an introduction level course and covers skills and knowledge relative to the Pharmacy profession both in hospitals and community pharmacies.
There are no formal entry requirements however candidates must demonstrate a keen interest in the pharmacy profession/healthcare, practice good personal hygiene and have good interpersonal and communication skills.

*Further details about the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) and registration can be found here: www.pharmacyregulation.org/
For more information please visit: edinburghcollege.ac.uk/courses or call 0131 660 1010

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Our course portfolio and campus allocation may be subject to alteration.