



Pharmacy MPharm (Hons)
and Pharmacy MPharm
Year Zero
Interview advice

Your interview

University interviews are often a new experience for applicants and we want to ensure that when you apply to De Montfort University (DMU) you are given the most useful information to make the experience an enjoyable one.

Why do we hold selection events?

Our interviews are designed for us to assess your suitability for the course, but also to make sure you are choosing the right course for you. Universities interview in particular for courses where a specific skill set is required or where the course leads to a particular profession.

In the case of Pharmacy, the interview will assess your skills and values to ensure you have the potential to succeed on our Pharmacy course and as a Pharmacist in the future.

What will happen on the day?

The interview will comprise of a structure that incorporates numeracy questions and some hypothetical scenarios that test your values and judgement.

You will receive information ahead of your interview on how to connect with us on Microsoft Teams (MS Teams), and will then be supported through the process by our academics. The interview will consist of a set of interview questions that will assess your attitudes, beliefs and values, as well as provide you with an opportunity to demonstrate your interest and commitment to the course.

How will the interviews be structured?

You have applied for a professional course which is regulated and accredited by the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC). As part of the interview process, prior to the interview itself, you will be asked to watch a ***short video** from the GPhC which outlines the Standards for Pharmacy Professionals and you will be asked question(s) relating to its content.

Your interview will last between 15 and 30 minutes. Your interviewer will ask you some questions about yourself and why you are interested in pharmacy so that you can showcase your communication skills. You will then be asked some numeracy questions (calculator not allowed, but you may use pen and paper) followed by a hypothetical scenario to assess your values and judgement. Finally, you will be given the opportunity to ask questions.

Who will be involved on the day?

An academic from the School of Pharmacy will conduct your interview.

Visit us to find out more

To find out more about the course and have the opportunity to view our facilities and speak with academic staff and current Pharmacy students, join us at an Open Day.
Visit: dmu.ac.uk/opendays

*<https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/standards/standards-for-pharmacy-professionals>

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Your Pharmacy interview will assess your communication skills, numeracy skills and values and judgment by way of a structured interview. **The interview will be used as part of the selection process to determine whether you will be made an offer.**

On the following pages you will find lots of useful information and advice to enable you to prepare for your Pharmacy interview to help make the experience as useful and positive as it can be.

Interview Advice

What can I do to prepare for the interview?

- Before your interview you will be emailed a MS Teams interview invitation. Please accept this and make note of the date and time
- We advise that you familiarise yourself with MS Teams before your interview to avoid any last minute panics on the day
- If you require additional time for the numeracy and literacy test please contact us, and bring your assessment report with you on the day
- Read through the sample questions you will have been sent with your invite to interview
- Ensure you allow time to revise for the tests - allocate yourself revision time and try to stick to it
- Think about some basic questions that may be asked at the beginning of an interview and how you might answer them. For example, tutors may ask why you want to study the course, and why you want to study it at DMU
- Read widely around the subject of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Cosmetic Sciences including newspaper articles, websites, journals, magazines and any other publications that are relevant for your course.

As Pharmacy is not a course taught at school/college you need to be able to demonstrate that you understand what the course/career entails but you will not be expected to have detailed understanding of technical topics. The discussions will give you the opportunity to demonstrate the skills needed by a student pharmacist. Some of these skills might be:

- The ability to use information to construct your own opinion
- Willingness and the ability to analyse
- Problem solving skills
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.

Aside from course specific preparation you may also wish to:

- Organise a practice interview for yourself; ideally the person interviewing you will be a teacher or careers adviser, but preferably not someone who knows you very well. This will help you to get experience talking about yourself and your work in an unfamiliar environment.
- Review your personal statement. Think about how you might expand on what you have written if asked to discuss in more detail.



What happens if I am running late on the day?

We know that delays are sometimes unavoidable so if you are running late on the day, please contact us on **+44 (0)116 207 8443** as soon as you are able to and let us know. In some instances, if you expect to be significantly late, we may be able to offer an alternative date. However, due to limited dates and popularity of the course this may not always be possible.

When will I hear if I have been successful?

We aim to make decisions as soon as possible after the interview. In most cases these are communicated to you via email and an update on UCAS Track within a week of your interview. We will also be in touch within a week if we are unable to make a decision straight away.

Non-academic requirements

If you are successful after your interview, you will be made an offer, which will be conditional based on you satisfying all academic and non academic requirements as follows:

- Self-Declaration Form clearance
- Enhanced DBS disclosure clearance
- Occupational Health clearance.

Please note for Pharmacy MPharm Year Zero, we only require the Self-Declaration Form clearance returned by the deadline below.

You must meet and fulfil all non-academic requirements before 18th of July 2025. Failure to meet this deadline may result in your offer being withdrawn.

Due to high demand for this course once the course is full, offers will be made for the next available cohort.

Further information and advice

For lots more information and advice about the interview, including help to prepare for the interview go to: dmu.ac.uk/interviews



Don't forget...

- To conduct yourself professionally and dress smartly
- To ensure that your laptop/computer and phone are fully charged and you have access to a power supply
- To make sure you have tested your equipment to ensure it works and that you have a quiet space for your MS Teams interview to take place
- To have a read of our course pages to help you prepare for and anticipate interview questions.

During the interview...

- Remember that you have been invited to the interview as you have already shown potential so try to relax, smile and be confident
- Listen and consider your responses, try to ensure that you are not just giving yes/no answers
- If you don't understand a question, don't guess, politely ask the interviewer to rephrase or clarify
- Be enthusiastic – admissions tutors will be looking for applicants who share their enthusiasm for the subject.

Interview checklist

You will need to:

- Have a pen and paper with you
- Have one form of photo identification to show during your interview (for example passport or driving license).

Additional support

We endeavour to make all our events completely accessible. However, if you have any specific requirements or require additional support, please inform the Interview Events Team via email: applicantevents@dmu.ac.uk or call +44 (0)116 207 8443.

For further information about your interview event, please contact the Interview Events Team:

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