

Approaching a Designated Prescribing Professional (DPP) for Advanced Prescribing B Learning in Practice for Pharmacy Professionals

Understand the DPP Role and Responsibilities:

Understand what is required from your DPP so that you can clearly communicate this to any DPPs that you are approaching. Refer to the DPP overview document.

Identify Potential DPPs:

Consider who will benefit from you becoming a prescriber (e.g., someone who currently signs your prescription recommendations).

Look for collaborative practitioners available at realistic times for you.

Think about who you already have a good relationship with that you could approach.

Ask for recommendations from others if needed.

Build Your Pitch:

Prepare to explain the benefits of being a DPP clearly and concisely.

Highlight your clinical background and how it aligns with theirs for mutual benefit.

Explain how you becoming a prescriber benefits them:

- reduced workload - they will not have to sign your pharmacy recommended prescriptions
- enhanced collaborative practice partnerships
- you bring your medication expertise with you to the rotation
- other....

Communicate that you will take the lead and be proactive with the planning and preparation of your learning needs.

Be clear about what you want to achieve during your supervised practice.

Be Proactive and Organized:

Provide them with the DPP information handout so they can read it and ask questions after your initial meeting with them.

Take the lead on proposing times that could work for your learning in practice hours.

Being proactive, organized, and clear about your goals and expectations will make it easier for a DPP to agree to supervise your learning in practice.