

Study with us

## About your course

### Courses covered

Code	Title
HHPV	MSc in Pharmacovigilance

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

### Important points

- This part-time postgraduate programme in Pharmacovigilance is designed for full-time employed professionals within drug safety.
- The course is delivered in collaboration with Pharmaceutical Industry and PIPA (Pharmaceutical Information and Pharmacovigilance Association) who contribute to the curriculum and teaching to ensure the up-to-date content is relevant to needs of industry.
- The programme has international recognition as an established provider of Pharmacovigilance and Drug Safety education with academic accreditation, focusing on European Union and United Kingdom Pharmacovigilance Regulations and Guidelines, yet providing a rounded global context.
- A programme committee of expert speakers provide students with latest thinking in Pharmacovigilance and access to networking opportunities.
- Students will gain knowledge and skills in evaluating sources of pharmacovigilance data, identifying potential signals by understanding biological processes behind adverse drug reactions, assessing the risk management and labelling requirements on medicines, and understanding the pharmacovigilance regulations and guidelines shaping clinical drug development and post-authorisation requirements, as well as looking at pharmacoepidemiologic studies.
- Students have the benefit of working with two supervisors for their project dissertation: an academic supervisor and a work-based supervisor to advise them. Many of our academic supervisors hold or held senior industry level roles.
- Students will work in small groups to build skills in assessing and problem-solving real-world case examples and sharing their own experiences.
- The programme offers ultimate flexibility to fit in with students busy working lives. It is delivered online and face-to-face, with eight taught modules and a MSc project to be completed within 5 academic years. Students can enroll onto the programme any time during the year and will enter the next scheduled module; the eight modules are taught in 2 -year taught cycle and students can take up to 4 modules per year.

- In addition, if you are studying for an MSc, you will undertake a research project that is normally carried out at your workplace but may be done at the University, or an institution with appropriate experience of pharmacovigilance or adverse drug reactions.
- Students will attend a 3-day block teaching, per module which is delivered online and in-person simultaneously, during a working day in United Kingdom time-zone.
- The programme has attracted students from European Union countries, Norway, Switzerland, Japan and the USA and its success has led to the organisation of an “Pharmacovigilance Update day” for those who have completed their studies.

## Academic Year

### Academic Year 2024 – 2025

- *Semester A runs from Monday 23 September 2024 to Friday 17 January 2025*
- *Semester B runs from Monday 20 January 2025 to Friday 9 May 2025*
- *Semester C runs from Monday 12 May 2025 to Friday 5 September 2025*

The University’s academic year is made up of 3 Semesters (A, B and C). This Programme’s taught modules are delivered over Semester A and B, and where applicable the re-sit period falls within Semester B or C. There is no teaching in Semester C, however projects may be ongoing during this time.

We are teaching simultaneously to in-person and online attendees. Please note, there must be a minimum of 6 students who attend regularly to in-person for this delivery method if there not more than 6 students the whole module will be delivered online.

The module dates are:

<b>Module</b>	<b>Date</b>
<i>Academic Year 2024/2025</i>	
PV Regulations and Guidelines CORE module	Sept 11-13, 2024
Drug Safety in Clinical Trial	Nov 20- 22, 2024
ADRs by Major Body Systems II	Feb 05-07, 2025
Management and Reporting of PV Data	April 09-11, 2025
<i>Academic Year 2025/2026</i>	
Pharmacoepidemiology	Sept 17-19, 2025
Risk Management and Labelling	Nov 19-21, 2025
Principles of Pharmacovigilance CORE module	Feb 11-13, 2026
ADRs by Major Body System I	April 15-17, 2026

## Additional expenses

Therefore, to study online you will need access to a suitable computer or similar electronic device, and a good reliable Internet connection, which may incur additional expenses.

To study Online, you will need access to a suitable computer and a good reliable Internet connection. Most modern PCs and Macs (less than five years old) should be fine. As a guide, you need a minimum of:

Description	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Desktop or laptop computer	Mandatory	From £400
Display (screen resolution 1280x720 <b>minimum</b> )	Mandatory	Starts at £90
Headset with microphone (built in if using laptop)	Mandatory	Starts at £15
Webcam (pixel resolution minimum 640x480) (built in if using laptop)	Mandatory	Starts at £10
Broadband Internet Connection (5mbps <b>minimum</b> )	Mandatory	Starts at £10/month
Web browser (Recommended: Microsoft Edge, Google)	Mandatory	£0
Plug-ins (Adobe Reader will likely be required. Your tutor will advise on any additional software you will need.)	Mandatory	£0
Microsoft Office 365 account for the duration of your studies. The package will give you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full, installed Office applications Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, and OneNote on up to 5 PCs or Macs.</li><li>• Office on tablets and phones for the Office experience on up to 5 tablets and 5 phones.</li><li>• Online versions of Office including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.</li><li>• File storage and sharing with 1 TB storage.</li></ul>	Mandatory	Provided by the University at no cost to students / £0

## Attendance to the UK Award Ceremony

On completion of your programme of studies, you will have the opportunity to attend our UK Award Ceremony. When registering for the Ceremony you will receive 1 free graduate ticket for yourself. Attendance to the UK Award Ceremony may incur additional costs i.e. guest tickets, travel and accommodation. The exact value of these costs will depend on when you will graduate and where you are travelling from.

Details regarding attendance to the Award Ceremony can be found on the website

<http://www.herts.ac.uk/ceremonies>.

## **Additional expenses**

**You can find full details of your course tuition fees in the *Fees and Finance Policy*.**

Courses materials (i.e. e-books, software or support materials) are usually included in your tuition fees, unless specified otherwise.

No additional expenses have been specified for this course.