

The logo for Buttercups Training is mounted on a brick building facade. It features a stylized white drop icon with a circular center, followed by the word "Buttercups" in a large, white, sans-serif font, and the word "Training" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it.

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Foundation Pharmacist Training Programme 2023/24

The Buttercups Foundation Pharmacist Training Programme supports and empowers graduates to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes necessary to make a positive contribution to the pharmacy profession and the future of the wider healthcare sector.

The bottom half of the image is composed of three vertical panels. The left panel shows a young woman with glasses and long dark hair, wearing a plaid shirt, looking down at a book or paper. The middle panel shows a person's arm with a blood pressure cuff, resting on a table. The right panel shows a person's hands wearing white gloves, resting on a table.

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Welcome

Buttercups Training is a successful, well established pharmacy training provider with a wealth of experience and expertise.

We are incredibly proud of our Foundation Pharmacist Training Programme, which embraces the GPhC standards for the Initial Education and Training of Pharmacists and, with radical reforms to pharmacist education, it is more important than ever to join a training provider that fully understands

your needs. Not only do we deliver first-class training but we pride ourselves on the unparalleled support we provide our trainees and supervisors. Our dedicated team of pharmacists have a wide breadth of expertise in hospital, community, industry, veterinary and GP practice, so you know you're in good hands!

Our course content has evolved with a sharp focus on developing the core skills required for future pharmacists.

Our Foundation Pharmacist Programme follows on from undergraduate level and brings exciting new opportunities for trainees, including a Clinical Skills component to prepare trainees for services such as the Community Pharmacy Consultation Service (CPCS) and Vaccinations Training. We also have an optional GP Pharmacist Programme for those working or aspiring to work in a practice based setting.

Key Features

Our 2023-24 programme is our most comprehensive ever and includes a greater focus on the development of clinical skills to support new and emerging pharmacy services.

Our proven, blended learning programme is delivered using combination of approaches including face-to-face, virtual classrooms, team-based and self-directed learning.

- A dedicated Pharmacist Programme Tutor
- Emphasis on the development of Clinical and Diagnostic Skills
- Vaccinations Training and certification provided early in the training year (ahead of the peak flu season)
- First Aid Training and certification
- All content is mapped to the GPhC Registration Assessment Framework (RAF)
- Study Days are mapped to both the RAF and GPhC Interim Learning Outcomes, with suggested workplace activities to support learning
- A dedicated programme site where

content can be easily accessed on the go, any time and place

- A Designated Supervisor Support Site where Supervisors are guided throughout the year, with emphasis placed on key milestones
- Access to a full Online Mock Exam and Review addressing GPhC Learning Points from previous years
- Access to our interactive Buttercups Exam Support Tool (BEST)
- Access to comprehensive online training courses that provide important underpinning knowledge

Buttercups Outstanding Trainee Pharmacist of the Year (2021-22) Award!



The calibre of entries was exceptionally high and everyone who entered should feel very proud of all they have achieved. We are thrilled to announce that Laura Hughes has been awarded the well-deserved accolade of Buttercups Outstanding Trainee Pharmacist of the Year!

Laura was chosen as the winner due to her resilience and determination to succeed. Below, we have a few inspirational words from the winner herself:

"I was delighted to be presented with this award by my Buttercups Tutor, Ellie. Winning this award and passing my exams, after working full-time and revising whilst raising my son is my proudest achievement.

I planned my year of revision around the Buttercups course structure. For example, if I knew we would be covering chapters 2, 3 and 5 of the BNF on the next study day, I would work on these topics that month. I completed all of the calculations quizzes and contacted my tutor if there was anything I didn't understand. I also followed multiple relevant pharmacy-related social media platforms for daily quizzes and facts, and listened to a pharmacy podcast on my way to work. A year is a long time, and I took the slow and steady approach, working consistently throughout the year.

I had a really positive experience with Buttercups Training and I would recommend them to any future trainee pharmacists."

Laura Hughes, former Trainee Pharmacist of The Hub Pharmacy, Cheshire



Programme Content

2023-24 Programme Content Outline

Progressing through the Foundation Training Year can be challenging for Designated Supervisors and Trainees alike and we are committed to supporting both during this time. The Buttercups Foundation Pharmacist Training Programme starts from the point of enrolment, so Trainees can hit the ground running from Day 1! Our online learning portal, known as the b-Hive, is where all programme content is updated and added on a rolling basis. We ensure everything Trainees have access to has been developed and verified by our team of subject matter experts

The programme outline includes:

- BNF/BNFC Chapter 1-16 Workbooks
- BNF/BNFC Chapter 1-16 Exam Style Quizzes
- Buttercups Full Online Mock Registration Assessment
- Calculations Interactive Online 'Basic' & 'Advanced' Tutorials
- Calculations Papers of over 100 Exam Style Questions
- Cardiovascular System Workshop
- Central Nervous System Workshop
- Childhood Ailments
- Clinical and Diagnostic Skills Training
- Cytotoxic Drugs and Malignant Disease Workshop
- Endocrine Workshop
- First Aid
- High Risk Medicines Workshop
- Infections Workshop
- Introduction to Essential Reference Texts
- Introduction to the Trainee Pharmacist Foundation Programme
- Law and Ethics Professional Decision Making Workshop
- Medicines Counter Assistant (MCA) Course
- Medicines Optimisation Workshop
- Medicines Reclassifications Quiz
- Men's Health
- Pharmacy Funding, Appliances & Chemical Reagents Workshop
- Preparing for Practice
- Respiratory Workshop
- Responding to Symptoms and Patient Counselling Workshop
- RSPH Understanding Health Improvement
- Revision Support
- Women's Health
- Vaccinations Training
- Wound Care

STUDY DAY	MONTH	DELIVERY MODEL	HEADLINE CONTENT
1	September	Face to Face	Introduction to Programme & Minor Ailments
2	October	Face to Face	Vaccinations & First Aid
3	November	Virtual Classroom	Infections
4	January	Virtual Classroom	Cardiovascular Systems
5	February	Face to Face	Appliances Day
6	March	Virtual Classroom	High Risk Medicines & Exam Preparation
7	April/May	Online	Buttercups Full Mock Exam
8	May/June	Face to Face	Revision Session

Locations

In 2023-24 Buttercups is planning programmes in the following locations:

Birmingham
Leeds
Liverpool
London
Manchester
Nottingham

We also offer bespoke training packages (the Full Online Mock Exam and Calculations Package are popular choices for trainees from all sectors), for more information, please contact a member of the team



Support

Designated Supervisor Support

We realise a successful Foundation Year not only needs excellent training but also Designated Supervisors committed to the development of themselves and our Pharmacists' of the future.

Having a dedicated team of Buttercups Pharmacist Programme Tutors means that there is a single point of contact for Trainees and Supervisors looking for advice. We also have the added advantage of getting to know Trainees as individuals and as such we are better placed to provide tailored support and guidance, where needed.

In the interest of strengthening our working partnership, all communication sent via email by Buttercups Tutors to Trainees will also have Supervisors copied in. This ensures all parties are clear of expectations and Trainees are able to make the most of opportunities for learning.

We have provided a key feature known as 'Learner Analytics' on the b-Hive (Buttercups online portal) which allows Supervisors to monitor Trainee progress with online assessments, at any time of the year.

Other key features of our Designated Supervisor Support include:

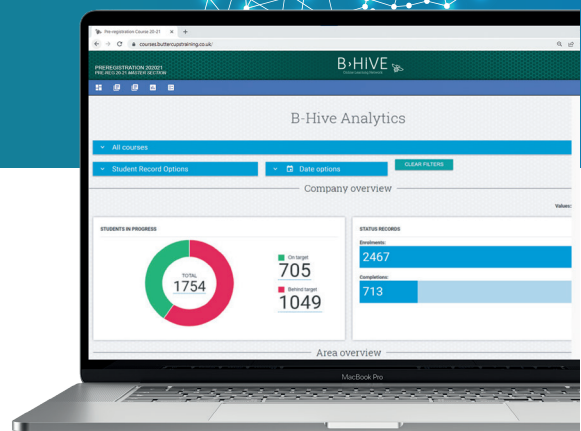
- Complimentary training for all new and established Supervisors, including webinars to coincide with the Week 13, 26 and 39 progress reviews
- Year round access to the b-Hive where supporting documents, resources and recordings of previous webinars can be found
- Support with the development of a Training Plan for GPhC premises approval

Support Network

The Foundation Training Year is a balancing act of various roles and responsibilities and for some Trainees, not limited to just the workplace. We at Buttercups Training pride ourselves on the pastoral support we offer to Trainees and Designated Supervisors. Our team of Tutors are ambassadors for the charity Pharmacist Support and are available to offer help and advice about all aspects of the training year. If you have any questions or are in need of advice, please do get in touch and we will do our best to assist you.



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Contact Us

If you're ready to discuss how Buttercups can best meet your training needs, feel free to contact one of our friendly team. Also remember to keep well informed by following us on social media for Foundation Pharmacist advice, hints and tips.



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