

Meet our lecturer - Dr Anthony Cox



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The first half of my career was in the NHS working as a clinical pharmacist, and I always enjoyed the teaching and mentoring of staff. After obtaining a teacher-practitioner post, teaching undergraduate pharmacy students at City Hospital, I took up a part-time Teaching Fellow position at Aston University. My work as a Pharmacovigilance Pharmacist at the West Midlands Centre for Adverse Drug Reactions led me to complete a PhD examining the reporting of adverse drug reactions, following which I obtained my first lecturer post in Pharmacy.

I've had links with academic colleagues in the Medical and Dental Schools at Birmingham for a number of years and when the opportunity arose to develop a new Pharmacy programme at a University of this calibre, it seemed a natural move to make. Very few people have the chance to develop an entirely new course from the ground up. The strengths of Birmingham in teaching and research, and the other health professions on site, make this an ideal location. Since coming here I've been deeply impressed by the professionalism and enthusiasm of both academic and support staff at Birmingham. It's a lovely working environment. The flagship for Pharmacy is the new MPharm degree, which my colleagues and I are currently steering through professional accreditation with the General Pharmaceutical Council. This is the professional degree which is required to become a registered pharmacist.

Alongside this programmes, we are already operating a Doctorate in Pharmacy, and will be establishing an accredited course for non-medical prescribing. I have enjoyed the blank canvas we've had to write our new curriculum. Watching it start to come to life is fascinating. We've had great support from colleagues within our College in developing an integrative and collaborative programme. The mind maps we drew on the wall a several months ago are now approved modules and the course content is in development. Applications numbers have been high, so 2013 is going to be an exciting year.

If you would like to read Dr Cox's staff profile for further information about his background, you can do this by [visiting his staff profile web page](/staff/profiles/cem/PT/Cox-Anthony.aspx) (</staff/profiles/cem/PT/Cox-Anthony.aspx>).