

“When I came back to England after a period working as a pharmacist overseas, I was not aware that rejoining the GPhC register had become a long and difficult process. I had heard about CPPE’s *Return to the register* course and joined in by webinar, which was great as I was still overseas at the time. Despite the time difference, I was very glad that I joined in as I’m not too sure I would have been able to put together my portfolio of evidence on my own. The webinar format was great and I found it interesting and interactive (which helped me to stay awake at the unsociable hours).

I rejoined the register before attending the *Return to practice* course and did some preparatory work on changes to practice since I’d left the UK. I was in two minds about attending the course but it proved to be invaluable to consolidating my knowledge and going through the learning process with people in the same position. The amount of work covered in the course was diverse and extensive and, I found in all, well-presented and useful.”

“I attended both the *Return to the register* and *Return to practice* courses recently. I had been off the register for six years to raise my family and was out of touch with recent practice after working in a non-dispensing pharmacy for ten years before that. The courses and tutors gave me the confidence boost I needed to return to work. I couldn’t have returned to work without them, after having my kids. They covered a huge range of topics and helped me identify my strengths and weaknesses. I found the GPhC return to the register application form didn’t look so daunting after I’d completed the *Return to the register* course. The tutors were supportive, knowledgeable and very accessible when I needed help. The residential courses were fun and the online *Return to the register* course was really easy to access from home, which was so important with travel costs and child care implications. I would strongly recommend both courses to anyone returning to work. Go for it!”

“The *Return to the register* webinar was very informative, helped me immensely with putting my portfolio together and putting me on the right track. Going into the webinar, I was so confused and overwhelmed with how to gather the information and organise it. The facilitators were great and I felt more confident after talking to other pharmacists in the same position as me. I recommend this course to anyone returning to the register. I was successful in my application and could not have done it without the guidance of CPPE!

*Return to practice* was an absolutely amazing course – well worth the cost and travel time. The presenters were great and gave us so much information and resources. I was able to role play, have group discussions on various topics and get positive feedback. I also learnt how to do CPD entries easily and now I’m more confident to do them. It was great to meet other pharmacists who were also out of practice for a number of years. We could compare stories and I did not feel as stressed and worried about practising community pharmacy. Even though I was already working, I learnt so much and felt more confident about working as a locum pharmacist. I would recommend this course to all pharmacists returning to practice, no matter after how long. I made friends and we can help each other.”