

#RxTechDay

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN DAY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018

Celebrating the **Essential Role** of the **Pharmacy Technician**



This year we have decided to celebrate the Essential Role of the Pharmacy Technician by profiling Pharmacy Technicians from all over New Zealand! This is a fantastic opportunity to highlight the fantastic work that we are doing and to help us connect with pharmacy colleagues at home and abroad.

We spoke with **Paula Ferguson, Academic Lecturer - Manukau Institute of Technology, Auckland.**

What do you enjoy most about being a Pharmacy Technician?

It is not easy to pinpoint one thing that I enjoy most as I have had a varied career in pharmacy and I have enjoyed each role as I was immersed in it. However, I have always been involved in training and education in some capacity in each of my roles and I love it.

Tell us why your role is essential to your organisation and/or profession

I am passionate about pharmacy even after all these years and I love the fact that I am now in a job that I can further pharmacy technicians' knowledge, qualifications and confidence. The role is essential to the profession as MIT are offering an opportunity for technicians to obtain a higher qualification to the Level 5 which has not been an option previously.

How will you be celebrating Pharmacy Technician Day this year?

I will enjoy reading all the posts from pharmacy technicians around the world celebrating our wonderful chosen profession.

Do you have anything else you would like to say to us?

International Pharmacy Technician Day is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate being a pharmacy technician alongside other countries around the world. It gives us a chance to see what amazing things technicians are doing here in New Zealand & elsewhere. Or even use the day as a reminder to 'pat ourselves on the back' for doing our day to day tasks that are so important in every pharmacy.

