

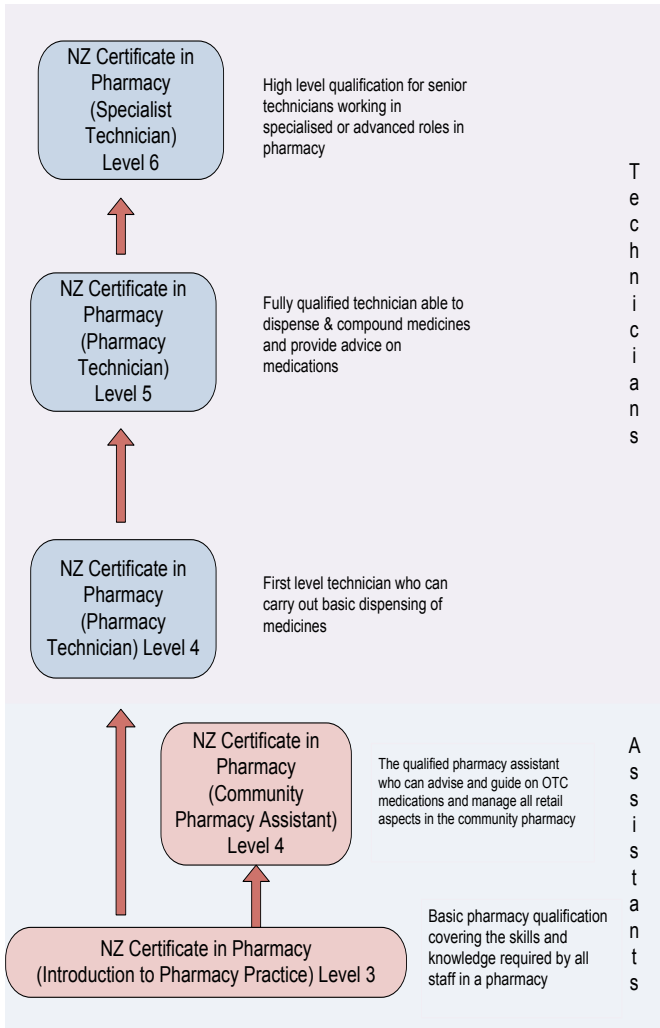
# Qualifications

**Pharmacists:** Four year Bachelor of Pharmacy degree at Auckland or Otago University plus one year internship at an approved pharmacy site.

**Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacy Assistants:**

Study can be undertaken two ways:

- Part time study while working in a pharmacy
- Full time study



# Contact Information

## Pharmacy Organisations

**Pharmaceutical Society of NZ**  
[www.psnz.org.nz](http://www.psnz.org.nz)

**Pharmacy Council of NZ**  
[www.pharmacycouncil.org.nz](http://www.pharmacycouncil.org.nz)

**Pharmacy Guild of NZ**  
[www.pgnz.org.nz](http://www.pgnz.org.nz)

**New Zealand Hospital Pharmacists Association**  
[www.nzhpa.org.nz](http://www.nzhpa.org.nz)

**Ngā Kaitiaki o Te Puna Rongoā o Aotearoa**  
**The Māori Pharmacists' Association Inc**  
[www.mpa.maori.nz](http://www.mpa.maori.nz)

## Education providers

**Open Polytechnic**  
[www.openpolytechnic.ac.nz](http://www.openpolytechnic.ac.nz)

**Academy Group NZ**  
[www.academy.ac.nz](http://www.academy.ac.nz)

**The University of Auckland**  
[www.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.auckland.ac.nz)

**The University of Otago**  
[www.otago.ac.nz](http://www.otago.ac.nz)

# Pharmacy

A career in pharmacy offers exciting and varied career options.

A pharmacy career is an excellent choice for anyone interested in healthcare, science, working with people and those wanting a career with variety.



# Pharmacy Assistants

**Pharmacy Assistants** mostly work in the retail part of the Pharmacy. They help people with minor health care issues and advise on over the counter products and services.

Some hospitals also employ pharmacy assistants.

A role as a Pharmacy Assistant may include:

## Community Pharmacy Assistants:

- Assist patients with minor injuries
- Advise patients on
  - ⇒ Personal healthcare
  - ⇒ Eye care products
  - ⇒ Nutrition and dietary requirements
  - ⇒ Vitamin and mineral supplements
  - ⇒ Sporting nutrition
  - ⇒ Seasonal ailments
- Merchandising (buying and stock control)

## Hospital Pharmacy Assistants:

- Ward stock control
- Delivery of medicines

# Pharmacy Technicians

**Pharmacy Technicians** assist the pharmacist in the preparation and dispensing of prescriptions and in the running of the dispensary. They also help people with their medications.

A role as a Pharmacy Technician may include:

## Community Pharmacy Technician

- Dispensing medicines
- Compliance packaging
- Dispensary ordering
- Stock Control
- Helping people with medicines and health related issues

## Hospital Pharmacy Technicians

- Dispensing medicines for hospital patients/ outpatients
- Ward and pharmacy stock control
- Ward liaison
- Patient discharge medication liaison
- Preparation of cancer drugs and intravenous nutrition bags

## Specialist Technician Roles

- Audit and compliance
- Manufacturing
- Dispensary Management
- Education and Training
- Industrial research and development

# Pharmacists

**Pharmacists** are medicines experts- involved in every aspect of medicine preparation and use, as well as ensuring the patient is taking the right medicine in the right dose at the right time.

Pharmacists work in both Community and Hospital pharmacies.

A role as a Pharmacist may include:

- Giving Health advice
- Reviewing medicines with patients
- Helping patients get the best from their medicines
- Preventing and solving medication problems
- Assisting to manage long term health conditions
- Provide specialist healthcare services e.g. anticoagulation monitoring, methadone services
- Increasing adherence to medication regimes
- Providing advice and services to doctors, nurses, hospital wards, operating theatres, emergency rooms and outpatients
- Supervisor for an intern pharmacist
- Dispensing medication and ensuring the doses are correct

## Specialist Pharmacist roles include:

- Government advisors and policy makers
- Researchers
- Medication Management Experts
- Drug Designers and Manufacturers