

WHAT NEXT?

- Check out the websites of the education providers for their entry requirements and course information.
- Speak with your careers advisor.
- Work experience - contact your local pharmacy to see if they'll let you experience pharmacy in action.



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FIND OUT MORE!



Scan the QR code or visit the Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand online for more resources and information about a career in pharmacy!



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www.psnz.org.nz/careers

OTHER USEFUL SITES

Open Polytechnic
NZMA
NZSE
Kauri Academy

www.openpolytechnic.ac.nz
www.nzma.ac.nz
www.nzse.ac.nz
www.kauriacademy.ac.nz



Interested in healthcare, science, working with people and a career with lots of variety?



CONSIDER BECOMING A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN!

ABOUT PHARMACY

Pharmacy is an essential part of the healthcare system in New Zealand. Pharmacy revolves around people and medicines, ensuring that people can safely access medicines for their needs and get the best health outcomes possible from taking them.

The work is interesting and varied, and there are different roles within pharmacy. This leaflet is about becoming a pharmacy technician.



WHAT IS A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN?

Pharmacy technicians work alongside pharmacists in dispensing prescription medicines, and supporting the safe, efficient running of the dispensary. They may also be involved in providing advice about non-prescription medicines. In hospital pharmacy, technicians may be involved in medicines supply to wards and preparing specialised medicines, such as chemotherapy and parenteral nutrition.

BECOMING A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Pharmacy technicians can either train on the job or gain a qualification through full-time study in a variety of settings.

Pharmacy technicians can undertake further study after gaining their technician qualification by completing the Pharmacy Accuracy Checking Technician programme through the Pharmaceutical Society of NZ, or by completing the Level 6 Diploma in Pharmacy to become a Specialist Technician.

TRAINING PROVIDERS



OPEN POLYTECHNIC

Part-time, distance-based learning. Require employment in a pharmacy as a 'trainee technician' for at least 20 hours per week.



NZMA

Full-time programmes available at campuses in Christchurch, Hamilton and Auckland.



NZSE

Full-time programme available on campus in Auckland.



KAURI ACADEMY

Full-time programmes available at campuses in Christchurch and Auckland.

QUALIFICATIONS

NZ CERTIFICATE IN PHARMACY LEVEL 4

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN - CORE

The first-level technician who may carry out basic dispensing of medicines.

NZ CERTIFICATE IN PHARMACY LEVEL 5

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN - ADVANCED

The fully qualified technician, able to dispense and compound medicines and provide advice on medications.

FURTHER STUDY

PACT

PHARMACY ACCURACY CHECKING TECHNICIAN

The fully qualified technician, trained to carry out the final accuracy check on a dispensed item.

Available through the Pharmaceutical Society of NZ.

NZ DIPLOMA IN PHARMACY Level 6

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN SPECIALIST

High-level qualification for senior technicians working in specialised or advance roles in pharmacy.

Available through the Manukau Institute of Technology.