

Exmos. Senhores,

Complemento a minha contribuição com um documento da NHS (um dos melhores serviços públicos de saúde) sobre o farmacêutico e que vai de encontro com a minha primeira exposição:

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Os únicos técnicos habilitados para exercer a função de farmacêutico são os titulares de mestrados integrados em ciências farmacêuticas.

É um curso de 5 anos multifacetado, único no mercado português. Abrir a profissão farmacêutica a outros profissionais não qualificados será claramente um ataque à qualidade do sistema de saúde português. Estamos presentes em quase todas as áreas da saúde, e só nós temos a sensibilidade para atingir os fins aos quais estamos legalmente ligados e definidos pela Ordem dos Farmacêuticos. Possuo a mesma opinião sobre os médicos, os enfermeiros, e outros técnicos de saúde, que são únicos nas atribuições da sua classe profissional. O que queremos é multidisciplinaridade/interdisciplinaridade entre profissionais e não guerras de profissionais nas suas atribuições.

Apelo a que o ato farmacêutico na sua essência seja exclusivo dos titulares de mestrado integrado em ciências farmacêuticas, tal como preconizado pela Ordem dos Farmacêuticos e na legislação Portuguesa e Europeia.

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# Pharmacist

Pharmacists make a difference to the lives of their patients through an expert knowledge of medicines and health.

Helping people live longer and healthier lives depends on the safe use of medicines and excellent healthcare advice. Pharmacists' unique expertise and knowledge makes them essential members of the healthcare team.

You'll combine a love of science with a desire to improve lives and be rewarded with a stimulating career across a range of settings and industries.

Michelle Ehiabor - Senior Rotational Clinical Pharmacist



## Working life

You'll use your expert knowledge of medicines and health to make a positive difference to people's lives and wellbeing. You'll provide care in a range of settings, often at the heart of local communities. You'll also have a role in preventing people from getting sick by helping them live healthier lifestyles and making sure they get the most from their medicines.

You'll also work daily with other healthcare professionals, such as doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and healthcare scientists, using scientific evidence to deliver care in your local community.

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## Aditya Aggarwal

Pre-registration pharmacist

“ Over time, you get to see the positive impact your advice and care has had on your patients and their loved ones. ”

[Read Aditya's story \(https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/pharmacy/roles-pharmacy/pharmacist/real-life-story-aditya-aggarwal\)](https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/pharmacy/roles-pharmacy/pharmacist/real-life-story-aditya-aggarwal)

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## Pay and benefits

If you work in the NHS, for example in a hospital or a GP practice, you'll usually start on band 6 of the [Agenda for Change \(/working-health/working-nhs/nhs-pay-and-benefits/agenda-change-pay-rates/agenda-change-pay-rates\)](/working-health/working-nhs/nhs-pay-and-benefits/agenda-change-pay-rates/agenda-change-pay-rates) pay scale. As your NHS career progresses, you could reach band 9 as a chief pharmacist.

You'll also get at least 27 days of annual leave plus bank holidays which increases after five years of service, as well as the NHS pension scheme.

If you're working in a sector such as a community pharmacy, pay and benefits may differ but are typically in line with the NHS [agenda for change \(/glossary#Agenda\\_for\\_Change\)](/glossary#Agenda_for_Change) pay rates. You may even choose to own and run your own community pharmacy.

## Where could you work?

- community pharmacy
- hospitals
- mental health services
- [primary care \(/glossary#Primary\\_care\)](/glossary#Primary_care) including in general practice
- academia
- the pharmaceutical industry

In future, all pharmacists will be qualified to prescribe once they complete their training.

Whatever setting you work in, you'll develop a broad range of skills. You'll spend time using your clinical knowledge, leading teams, undertaking research, education and training, along with developing business acumen and managing finances.

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## Entry requirements

There are no set university entry requirements but generally you'll need:

- three A-levels or equivalent in chemistry and a second science or maths, typically offers range from AAB to BBB
- pharmacy degrees with a foundation year may have lower grade requirements
- GCSEs are considered alongside A-levels, with most schools of pharmacy expecting a minimum of five GCSEs including maths, English language and one science
- some universities accept vocational qualifications such as BTEC Level 3, National Extended Diploma in Applied Sciences or the Access to HE Diploma

You can find all UK courses running pharmacy courses at the bottom of this page.

To find out more about studying pharmacy go to Pharmacy Schools Council website (<https://www.pharmacyschoolscouncil.ac.uk/study/>) and for advice about the application process visit Studying Healthcare website. (<https://studyinghealthcare.ac.uk/applications/pharmacy/the-ucas-application-pharmacy/>)

## Must-have skills

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Be able to work as part of a team with other professionals
- Attention to detail

## Training and development

You'll need to undertake regular continual professional development (CPD) to keep up to date with the latest developments in drug research and develop their skills. This will mean you being able to stay registered as a pharmacist.

Once qualified, you can undertake a range of training, which will support you in your chosen career path. Training opportunities may include in-house training provided by your employer, or regionally or nationally organised courses.

# Where can pharmacy take you

Being a pharmacist can open many doors:

- work in hospitals, GP surgeries, prisons and community pharmacy
- working in the pharmaceutical industry
- working in management or academia
- advise the government on how best to make the most out of medicines and pharmacy services.
- teaching the future pharmacy workforce using the latest technology such as virtual reality

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