



PHARMACIST

ABOUT THIS CAREER

As a Pharmacist, you will compound and dispense medications, while providing consultative services to both clients and health care providers. You will interact with patients while filling prescriptions and explaining the use of prescribed drugs. You may choose to work for retail or hospital pharmacies, or for pharmaceutical companies and government departments/agencies.*

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WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Educational Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy required, and must pass an exam by the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada
- 1,000-hr. internship or apprenticeship required for full licensure
- WHMIS training required
- First aid and advanced cardiac life support certifications are beneficial, but not required
- Retail pharmacists who plan to establish their own practices often take accounting and other business courses

Key Skills & Attributes

(technical training and on the job)



Writing

Communicating effectively in writing as appropriate for the needs of the audience.



Speaking

Talking to others to share information effectively.



Reading Comprehension

Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work-related documents at appropriate times.



Active Listening

Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.



**Chilliwack
School District**
CAREER EDUCATION

HOURLY PAY
\$32.85 - \$60.00*

(Est. Annual Salary: \$96,980)

ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT GROWTH: **1.5%***
(B.C. Labour Market Outlook 2023-2033)

JOB OPENINGS: **2,390***

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DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Compound prescribed pharmaceutical products by calculating, measuring and mixing the quantities of drugs and other ingredients required
- Dispense prescribed pharmaceuticals to customers or to other health care professionals and advise them on drug interactions and dosage
- Maintain medication profiles of customers including registry of narcotic and controlled drugs
- Ensure proper preparation, packaging, distribution and storage of vaccines, serums, biologicals and other drugs and pharmaceuticals
- Order and maintain stock of pharmaceutical supplies
- Advise customers on selection and use of non-prescription medication