FAQs about careers in the pharmacy team

This page has some frequently asked questions about careers in the pharmacy team.

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Where do pharmacists work?

You'll find pharmacists working in hospitals and in community-based settings as well as in high streets. They also work in the pharmaceutical industry.

Find out more about pharmacists working in the health sector [1]

Can I progress from being a pharmacy assistant to a pharmacist?

By gaining appropriate qualifications and experience as a pharmacy assistant [2] you can apply for positions as a pharmacy technician [3].

However, you cannot progress from pharmacy technician [3] to pharmacist [1], as you need to do the 4-year full-time MPharm degree followed by a foundation training [4] year in a paid work placement.

Use our course finder [5] to identify the universities approved to run the MPharm.

Can I get financial help from the NHS to train as a pharmacist?

The NHS does not support students studying for the MPharm degree in pharmacy. Once you've graduated, if you choose to work in a hospital pharmacy setting, you'll need to secure a foundation training [4] position during which you'll be paid a salary.

Find out more about studying pharmacy [6]

Where can I find more information about a career in the pharmacy team?

You can find more information about careers in the pharmacy team by visiting our explore roles section [7].