



Roles in pharmacy

If you enjoy science and are keen to help others, pharmacy could be for you. Whether you work in a

hospital, GP practice or community pharmacy setting, you need good communication skills to work with the public and patients in a clinical role and as part of a healthcare team.

Discover the range of roles in pharmacy

- ### Pharmacist

You'll help people live longer and healthier lives through the safe use of medicines and excellent healthcare advice on issues such as sexual health and giving up smoking.

Becoming a pharmacist [1]



- ### Pharmacy assistant/medicines counter assistant

You'll use your customer service skills to help pharmacists order, prepare and dispense medicines.

You'll work with patients every day and help with their prescriptions. You'll also answer their questions, either face-to-face or over the phone.

Becoming a pharmacy assistant [2]



Pharmacy technician

You'll manage and prepare the supply of medicines.

Your typical day could involve giving medicines to patients, either on prescription or over the counter and providing information on potential side-effects.

Becoming a pharmacy technician [3]



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