

# Healthcare Career Paths

*Degree*

**PHARMACIST**

Education  
Doctorate Degree

Certification  
Pharmacist License

**PHARMACY TECHNICIAN**

Education  
High School Graduate (or equivalent)

License  
Pharmacy Tech License required

**PHARMACIST**

**PHARMACY INTERN**

Education  
Currently enrolled in an accredited College of Pharmacy

Certification  
Registered as an Extern/Intern

**PHARMACY BUYER/MED RECONCILIATION TECHNICIAN**

Education  
MRT: High School Diploma  
Pharm Buyer: Associates Degree

Certification  
Pharmacy Tech Certification

## **Pharmacy Technician**

Assists licensed pharmacists with a variety of procedures and tasks. Familiarity with mixing and coordinating administration of IV. Knowledgeable in pharmacy and can assist in tasks such as counting, labeling, mixing, and sterilization materials. Are adaptable in both customer service and laboratory roles.

Required: Pharmacy Technician License

Optional: Pharmacy Technician Certification

Skills: Communication skills (verbal and written) – Service – Listening – Advanced Math – Customer Service – Perceptiveness – Problem-solving

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## **Pharmacy Intern**

A pharmacy intern will prepare and dispense medication to patients under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist. They will practice accurate and detailed documentation and tracking systems, and help with other clinical procedures and patient care that are in scope of practice for interns. They will assist the supervising pharmacist with providing the safest and most cost-effective medications for patients.

Skills: Analytical – Documentation and Language Skills – Evaluative – Problem-Solver – Educator – Research-Based – Attention to Detail – Adaptable

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## **Medication Reconciliation Technician**

Gathers information regarding a patient's medical and medication history from patient and/or family member. Will collect details regarding allergies, negative reactions, and further medical experiences. Will compile a complete list of medicals, herbs, supplements, etc. that a patient has taken. Their reporting will also summarize the dosage and frequency with which each of these items were being utilized.

Skills: Analytical, knowledge of medical terminology, knowledge of generic and trade medication names, written and verbal communication skills

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## **Pharmacy Buyer**

Oversees the ordering, maintaining, tracking, and distribution of medications in the pharmacy. Works with team to solve availability issues of necessary products and medications. Stays up to date in pricing and availability updated and can communicate changes or differences in pricing to staff and patients.

Skills: Attention to detail, strong communication, Sales or persuasion, numeracy and computer skills

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## **Pharmacist**

Responsible for providing comprehensive pharmaceutical care for patients of varying conditions. Licensed pharmacists are skilled in mixing, compounding, labeling, and educating about various medications, IVs, and other forms of drug therapy. They provide on-the-job training and preceptorship for pharmacy residents and students alike. They are adaptable and knowledgeable of constantly changing prescriptions and medications on the market. They abide by all safety and hygiene guidelines while in practice and uphold the utmost integrity of the hospital.

Skills: Analytical – Documentation and Language Skills – Evaluative – Problem-Solver – Educator – Research-Based – Attention to Detail – Adaptable