



## WORK INSPIRATION – Pharmacy

A career in Pharmacy could be for you if you enjoy science and are keen to help others. Whether you work in a hospital, GP practice or community pharmacy setting you need to have good communication skills to work with the public and patients in a clinical role and as part of a healthcare team.

### General Careers Resources/Information

- **NHS Health Careers** has some useful careers resources:
  - a [video](#) on a career in pharmacy
  - find out how to become a [Pharmacist](#)
  - find out how to become a [Pharmacy Technician](#)
  - Pharmacy careers paths, [hear all about their careers](#)
- **Royal Pharmaceutical Society** Experts in medicines, [pharmacists](#) play a key role in improving the health of the nation and ensuring patient safety. Pharmacy is one of the fastest growing areas of healthcare.
- **National Careers Service** has a section on careers in this sector:
  - Career as a [Pharmacist](#)
  - Career as a [Pharmacy Assistant](#)
  - Career as a [Pharmacologist](#)
  - Career as a [Medical Sales Representative](#)
  - Career as a [Pharmacy Technician](#)
- **BBC Bitesize** careers section on becoming a [Pharmacist](#)
- **NI Direct** explores careers as a [pharmacist](#), [pharmacy technician](#) or a [medicines counter assistant](#)
- **Association of Pharmacy Technicians UK** – what is a [pharmacy technician](#)?

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- **Studying Healthcare** is a partnership between the [Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Schools Councils](#) providing up-to-date and accurate information about the university application process. Explore '[Why Pharmacy?](#)'
- **Indeed** Career Guide – [16 Pharmacy Career Options You Can Pursue](#)
- **Prospects** [What can I do with a pharmacy degree?](#) As well as working as a community or hospital pharmacist, pharmacy graduates can also find opportunities in academia, the pharmaceutical industry and regulatory bodies

### Northern Ireland Focus

- Meet Jill Thornton, a [Clinical Pharmacist](#) in the **Belfast Health and Social Care Trust**
- The role the [Hospital Pharmacy Team](#) plays in the **Northern Health and Social Care Trust**
- **BBC Make It** - Julie is a [student Pharmacy Technician](#) in the **Southern Health and Social Care Trust**
- **Southern Health and Social Care Trust** podcast "[A Day in my Shoes](#)", hear from Hannah who is a Pharmacist who works in the Acute Care at Home Team.
- **Southern Health and Social Care Trust** inspire and enthuse students about a career in pharmacy. [Meet 9 of their staff.](#) **(NEW)**

### Pharmacy Futures NI

- **Pharmacy Futures NI** are encouraging students to make [pharmacy their career of choice](#).

Lasting 30 minutes this [virtual careers event](#), gives students an exciting insight into life as a pharmacist in Northern Ireland – from studying pharmacy at university, to the first few years as a pharmacist and opportunities to progress.

- **Pharmacy Futures NI** uploaded a further video on what the [Career Choices Ahead](#) are.

### Almac

- The **Almac Work Experience Hub** provides a virtual environment to learn about the day-to-day life of working at Almac. Once you have registered you have a [full library of resources](#).

### University Information

- **TheUniGuide** [information on university courses](#)
- **Complete University Guide** to [pharmacy courses available](#)
- **UCAS** search the [list of degrees available](#) across a range of universities
- **NHS Health Careers** have a section on [studying pharmacy](#)
- Study at the [School of Pharmacy](#) at **Queen's University Belfast**. Details of the [undergraduate course](#)
- Study at the [School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences](#) at **Ulster University**. Details of the [undergraduate courses](#)
- **Sheffield Teaching Hospitals** recorded a [session](#) highlighting the role of **Healthcare Science, Pharmacy and Dentistry**
- **Pharmacy Schools Council** is the [voice of the 30 pharmacy schools](#) and has a useful section on [personal statements](#)

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