

WORK EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW: PHARMACY

Career profile

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.



A day in the life

As a Pharmacy professional in hospital such as St Mary's, you are part of large team, managing the use of medicines throughout the hospital. You may be based in the Pharmacy department, ordering storing and preparing medicines for use. You may work on wards and in clinics supporting patients with the use of their medicines, arranging supply of medicines, supporting the correct prescribing and administration of medicines, ensuring safe use of medicines.



Example tasks and shadowing opportunities:

- Dispensing services
- Clinical screening
- Aseptics
- Procurement and distribution
- Medicines management
- Careers talk with a Pharmacist

Learning objective

Early in their careers, Pharmacy professionals often rotate through the various Pharmacy and hospital specialities. Later in their careers many choose to specialise in a specific area, undertaking further training and qualifications to support this specialisation. This two-day experience introduces you to what a career in pharmacy involves, how it functions as part of a wider multidisciplinary team, and the skills you need to do the job and how you can become a member of NHS Pharmacy staff.

Further reading

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