

Pharmacy

What is Pharmacy?

Pharmacy is a regulated profession that offers a wide range of skills and roles that are used in different healthcare settings. A pharmacist has knowledge about therapeutic interventions for patients to support their well being and assist the healthcare team with a patient's therapeutic drug management.

What do Pharmacists do?

Pharmacists manage medication dispensing in a Pharmacy. Pharmacists are able to assist with medication information to patients and other health professionals, as well as monitor and guide the treatment process. They are able to assess the effectiveness of a patient's drug therapies and resolve problems to meet therapeutic goals. Pharmacists can also be involved in performing research, leading regulatory and health policy, and providing drug information.

Where do Pharmacists work?

Pharmacists can work in various settings:

- Hospitals
- Community Pharmacies
- Government Regulatory Bodies
- Pharmaceutical Companies
- Family Health Teams

Education and Preparation

Pharmacy programs are offered at the University of Toronto and the University of Waterloo in Ontario. The program is a 4 year undergraduate professional degree that requires 1-2 years of undergraduate Science experience before entry. Practice placements take place throughout the program or during the last year of the program.

Licensure

Pharmacy is a regulated profession in Canada. In Ontario, all pharmacists are licensed under the Ontario College of Pharmacists. This requires structured practical experience and completion of a national examination test.

Professional Associations

Ontario College of Pharmacists

www.ocpinfo.com

Ontario Pharmacists' Association

www.opatoday.com

Canadian Pharmacists' Association

www.pharmacists.ca