Pharmacy and the Pharmaceutical Industry

Pharmacy graduates can undertake the pre-reg year in both hospital and community settings and there are also potential options in industrial pharmacy. Application deadlines vary from year to year so use some of the links below when planning your applications. Remember, it is also possible to qualify in independent Pharmacy stores however, you would need to find out about training opportunities/support. Opportunities for community pharmacy are more competitive in the south east but less so, in eastern England. Therefore, gaining relevant work experience is important for maximising your chances. There are also career opportunities for Pre Reg. Pharmacists within the armed forces. It is also important to ensure your values match with those of the trusts you apply to when applying for hospital pharmacy.

Increasingly, there are a number of bench jobs open to BSC graduates although some organisations may require PhDs for more senior positions. If you prefer to apply your scientific understanding to research and development, clinical trials or quality control, then there are openings for you. There are also positions where you could work in a scientific setting but undertake jobs drawing on other skills such as Supply chain management and logistics, sales and marketing, HR and finance.

Key Resources

Pharmacy
- Boots Pharmacy
- Well Pharmacy (formerly Co-Operative)
- Lloyds Pharmacy
- Day Lewis Pharmacy
- NHS Pre-reg Pharmacy
- Armed Forces

Pharmaceutical Industry
- Abbott UK
- The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry members directory
- AstraZeneca
- Baxter Healthcare
- Bayer
- Bristol Meyer Squibb
- GSK
- GW Pharmaceuticals
- Ipsen Development Ltd
- Lilly

Access this page and more industries at reading.ac.uk/careers/resources
Novartis
Pfizer
RSSL (on Whiteknights Campus)
Shire
UCB
Vertex

If you decide to apply for other health positions, then you can explore alternative options

Prospects provides career profiles which provide insight into specific job roles.

You may also be interested in...

- Armed Forces and Emergency Services
- Charity and Development Work
- Education and Research