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Career options with your degree

Pharmacy

Such a strongly vocational degree will surely lead pharmacy students towards the Health sector as the desire to work with both patients and medicine is likely to be your driving force. However the Science and Pharmaceutical sector is also a strong draw and the Armed Forces can also provide a home for pharmacists.

Roles

Each job title links through to a broad job description, salary and conditions, entry requirements, typical recruiters and links to further pre-assessed useful information.

- Community Pharmacist
- Hospital Pharmacist
- Industrial Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Officer

There are a range of other roles that will allow you to use your pharmacy skills and knowledge and that you may wish to consider such as: Regulatory Affairs Officer, Clinical Research Associate, Toxicologist, Science Writer, Pharmacologist and Higher Education Lecturer.

And there are commercial roles in the Pharmaceutical industry such as sales and marketing where your expertise would be valued. If you really want to explore the full range of alternatives available to you then have a look at the Prospects A-Z webpage.

Finding Opportunities

To secure pharmacy roles then an accredited MPharm is essential, as you will already know. Your course will provide you with some exposure to the different forms of pharmacy, but as an undergraduate, you must seek further experience in the guise of part-time roles in community pharmacy and vacation experience in hospital pharmacy. Securing experience isn’t easy, but should always be actively attempted. The following links will help you secure experience in these roles, with Pharmalife providing the key (although not exhaustive) access point to pre-reg places. For hospital pharmacy work experience a broader job search is required to find opportunities so look at our creative job search coaching topic for more support. Work experience and pre-reg roles are fiercely competitive, but your course is held in high regard by recruiters and with some work experience you should be in a great position. The following links provide access to the opportunities you may well seek:

- The Pharmaceutical Journal
- Chemists and Druggist Jobs
- Pharmalife
- NHS Jobs.

Further Reading

These are further links that will give you broad information about careers for pharmacy undergraduates.

- The NHS Pharmacy careers information pages
- The Royal Pharmaceutical Society careers information

Access this page and more options at reading.ac.uk/careers/resources

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