

# Pharmacist Job Description

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## **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Fill patients' prescription according to instructions given by physicians
- Interview patients to identify conditions such as allergy or pregnancy that can be affected by intake of a drug
- Instruct patients on the dosage and dietary requirements for drug consumption
- Advise patients on medical equipment or products most suitable for a health condition
- Guide and direct the activities of pharmacy technicians and interns
- Provide physicians and other healthcare professionals with information on proper drug therapy for patients
- Perform drug assay to verify purity, strength, and other parameters considered for dosage
- Review over-the-counter (OTC) and medical prescriptions to ensure they are suitable for a patient
- Provide patients with information regarding drug interactions, side effects and storage requirements
- Maintain record of patient profiles, inventory, and registries of poison and narcotics
- Calculate, weigh, and mix ingredients to compound drugs as prescribed by medical doctors
- Proffer recommendations to assist patients in managing conditions such as asthma and drug dependency
- Train patients to use and interpret information on devices on blood pressure or diabetes monitor
- Refer patients to other healthcare experts such as psychiatrists and physiologists as maybe required
- Monitor patients to track the efficiency/side effect of a drug and make changes where appropriate.

## **Pharmacist Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities**

- Education and Training: To become a pharmacist, you require a doctorate degree in pharmacy (Pharm.D.) Entry into a Pharm.D. program usually requires a Bachelor's degree in related science discipline. Upon graduation, pharmacists are required to complete an internship program at a hospital or retail pharmacy. State licensure is required for practice
- Analytical Skill: Pharmacists are able to assess patients' needs in order to dispense medication
- Communication Skill: They are adept at interacting with patients to explain the dosage and possible side effects of a drug
- Attention to Detail: They are given to details when filling patients' prescriptions to ensure appropriate medication is dispensed.