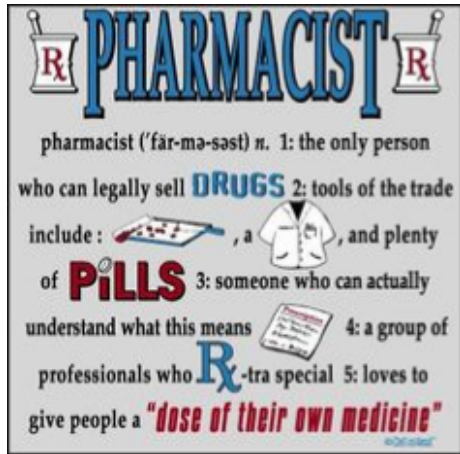


WHO IS A PHARMACIST?

A pharmacist is a health care professional who is licensed to prepare, compound and dispense drugs; and is knowledgeable concerning their properties. A

pharmacist often dispenses medication from a prescription by a licensed practitioner such as a physician, dentist, or advanced practice nurse. A

pharmacist consults with, cooperates with, and sometimes advises the licensed practitioner regarding drugs. In addition, there are many other faces to pharmacy (see overleaf).



World Pharmacists' Day is celebrated September 25 annually. In 2020, the theme was, Transforming Global Health. National Pharmacy week will be celebrated this year in USA, October, 18-24, 2020 under the theme, Pharmacy Strong. We the pharmacy body of St Kitts and Nevis also think it relevant to create awareness locally as we celebrate this our Pharmacy Week 2020 under the theme, Pharmacy for a Better Tomorrow. One of our push for this week is to encourage the youth of the federation to also be aware of the very wide scope the Pharmacy Profession.

REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS THAT OFFER PHARMACY TRAINING CERTIFICATES OR DEGREE PROGRAMS

Pharmacy Technician Certificate

Penn Foster College (online)
University of Technology, Jamaica

Associate Degree in Pharmacy

T. A Marryshow Community College, Grenada
Antigua State College, Antigua

Bachelor of Pharmacy Degree

Barbados Community College
Texila American University, Guyana
University of Belize
University of Guyana
University of Technology, Jamaica
University of the West Indies, Trinidad

Doctorate of Pharmacy

Texila American University, Guyana
University of Technology, Jamaica

Entry Requirements into the Bachelors of Pharmacy programmes may vary slightly based on the institution but is generally:

- (a) 2 A'Level subjects (or equivalent), including Chemistry, & a choice from Biology, Zoology, Physics or Mathematics.
- (b) 5 CSEC/GCE O-Level passes - Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, English Language & any other Plus CAPE Units 1 & 2 passes in Chemistry and 1 other subject, preferably Biology, Zoology, Mathematics or Physics.
- OR (c) Other appropriate level of study in a recognised educational institution.



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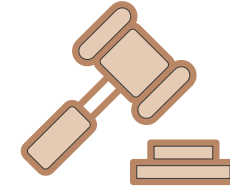
PHARMACY WEEK 2020

"Pharmacy For A Better Tomorrow"
October 18th - October 24th

THE MANY FACES OF PHARMACISTS

MANUFACTURING- GATE KEEPER

- Ensures the implementation of goods manufacturing practice in pharmaceutical companies.
- Controls quality of medicines to ensure their quality and safety.
- Revamps drug manufacturing processes to lower costs of medicines in the market.



REGULATIONS- LAW ENFORCER

- Formulates and implements healthcare policies/regulations.
- Prepares new drug applications to enable timely access of safe, efficacious.
- Safeguards the import and registration of medicines and medical devices.



THIS COULD BE YOU!

MARKETING-MEDICATION DISTRIBUTOR

- Introduces and educates healthcare providers on new treatment options.
- Acts as an important channel of distribution from pharmaceutical companies to the end-users



ACADEMIC-DRUG DISCOVER



- Plays a pivotal role in educating future generations of pharmacists.
- Engaging in research activities



HOSPITAL- PATIENT CARE TEAM

- Provides professional advice on best choice of medicines for each patient.
- Manages the inventory to ensure continuous supply of safe and high quality medicines.
- Fills your prescriptions.
- Conducts specialized clinics to manage blood pressure, diabetes and anti-coagulation.
- Formulates policies and treatment guidelines within hospitals.



COMMUNITY-PARTNER IN HEALTHCARE

- Manages minor ailments (cough, cold, gastric discomfort and fungal infection, etc.)
- Provides smoking cessation counselling and weight management services.
- Advises on your supplements and vitamins.
- Fills your prescriptions.

RESEARCH-CLINICAL RESEARCHER

- Finds new cures for untreated illnesses or medicines with less side effects for the benefit of patients.
- Plays various roles from designing or implementing protocols to conducting of trials, to study or compare effectiveness and safety of new medicines before it's launch into markets.

