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“I grew up loving science and decided to pursue a Pharm.D.! Once I complete my degree, I hope to combine my clinical knowledge with business experience to help lead a unit within a pharmaceutical company like the one I started in as an intern!”

*Camille Schrier, Miss America 2020*



## Why Choose Pharmacy?

### An exciting career choice

Pharmacy combines science, healthcare, computer technology, business and math, offering a rare blend of teamwork and direct interaction with patients.

### A trusted profession

Pharmacists are consistently ranked as one of the most highly trusted professionals because of the important care and health-related services they provide to patients.

### Room to grow

Pharmacists can often move easily between different practice areas and explore many interesting opportunities over the course of their career.

### Excellent earning potential and job satisfaction

Pharmacy is a professionally and financially rewarding career with strong salaries and work-life balance.

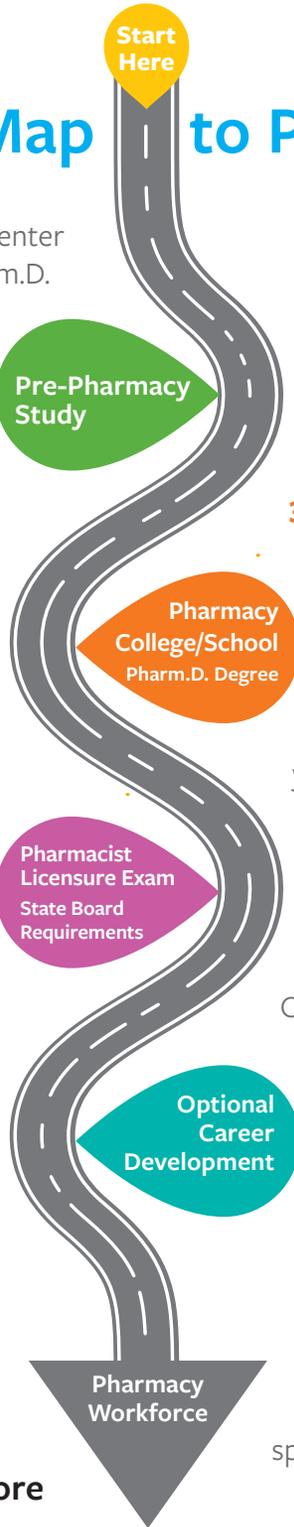
## A Road Map to Pharmacy

**2-4 years:** Students enter the professional Pharm.D. curriculum after two to four years of college and often without having to complete a bachelor’s degree. Some pharmacy schools offer pathways for high school graduates.

**Licensure:** All Pharm.D. graduates must complete the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and other licensure required by a state board of pharmacy.

**Hundreds of pharmacy career pathways are available!**

**Open to Learn More**



**3-4 years:** All Pharm.D. curricula require a total of nine semesters of study, most occurring over four years, and some condensed into three years of intensive study.

**Residency:** One to two years of paid postgraduate training.

**Fellowship:** Postgraduate training with a focus in academia, research, or industry.

**Board Certification:** Licensed pharmacists may choose to become board certified in a specialty area of practice.

# Explore Just a Few of the Career Pathways in Pharmacy!



## Ambulatory Care Pharmacists

assist patients with multiple, short-term or long-term medical conditions, such as diabetes and hypertension, who frequently take multiple medications.



## Cardiology Pharmacists

specialize in the management of patients with cardiovascular (heart) disease, in both the inpatient and outpatient settings, who are often prescribed multiple medications.



## Community Pharmacists

use their expertise to ensure the medicines and doses are correct based on a patient's health and other factors, safeguard against drug interactions, counsel patients regarding safe and appropriate medication use, and administer immunizations.



## Compounding Pharmacists

prepare customized or personalized medications in response to a prescription or when commercially available drug products do not meet a patient's individual needs.



## Emergency Medicine Pharmacists

treat the wide variety of patients who visit a hospital emergency room, whose conditions range from bruises and colds to traumatic accidents and chest pains.



## Geriatric Pharmacists

specialize in management of older adults who may take several medications to address multiple long-term health issues, such as diabetes, arthritis, Alzheimer's disease, pain, or other conditions associated with aging.



## Hospital Pharmacists

serve as important members of the health care team and provide a variety of services that are critical to the care of patients in hospitals.



## Industry Pharmacists

develop new drugs in a pharmaceuticals department, conduct clinical drug trials in a research department, manage drug safety reports in an epidemiology department, or work on quality control in a drug production department.



## Infectious Disease Pharmacists

focus on the care of patients who have short-term infections (e.g., influenza), long-term diseases caused by infection (e.g., HIV), or are at greater risk for infection due to other medications or diseases (e.g., cancer).



## Nuclear Pharmacists

work to improve health through the safe and effective use of radioactive drugs to diagnose and treat diseases, such as cancer.



## Oncology Pharmacists

are experts in the medications used to treat cancer, as well as those used to manage the side effects from cancer treatments.



## Pediatric Pharmacists

ensure the safe and effective use of medicines in children ranging in age from newborn to 18 years.



## Poison Control Pharmacists

respond 24/7 to urgent questions about poisonous chemicals, hazardous toxins, and serious drug interactions.



## Psychiatric Pharmacists

specialize in the treatment of mentally ill patients, such as those suffering from depression, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia, eating disorders, developmental disabilities, substance abuse and traumatic brain injuries.



## Veterinary Pharmacists

compound, dispense and administer medications to meet the specific needs of sick or injured animals, or to prevent animals from getting sick.