Find a Mentor
Connect with a person who is familiar with pharmacy and can give you advice and answer your questions. This could be a science teacher, guidance counselor, health professions advisor, family member, local pharmacist, etc.

Meet with Your Guidance Counselor or Health Professions Advisor
Make sure you are taking the right math and science courses, such as chemistry, biology, physics, algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus. English, history, foreign languages, business and computer courses are also a plus!

Gain Experience
Experience the daily routine of a pharmacist by asking to spend a day with a pharmacist in your area or volunteering at a community health center or hospital. Speak to student pharmacists and ask them what courses they felt were most important in helping them prepare for a pharmacy education.

Work in a Pharmacy
Many community pharmacies employ young workers in part-time or summer jobs such as cashiers, clerks or pharmacy technicians. A job that gives you exposure to the daily life of a pharmacist can help you decide whether this career is for you. But remember, pharmacy is a diverse field, so if one area of pharmacy doesn't interest you, there are many more areas from which to choose. Simply explore a different healthcare setting.

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