



LEVEL
5

Certificate in

Pharmacy Technician

Incorporating the National Certificate
Pharmacy Technician (Community)

Get ahead fast.



Fees.

See box below for tuition fees applicable to this programme.

This programme is approved for Student Loans and Allowances. This means eligible students can borrow the full cost of the programme and may attract a living allowance during their period of study with us.

All applications for Loans and Allowances are made through MSD Study Link. We will be happy to assist you with this process.

Application/enrolment process.

Once you have selected the Academy New Zealand programme you want to enrol in, you need to complete an official application/enrolment form. An interview will be arranged upon the receipt of your application/enrolment.

Further information.

If you would like further information on this programme, or other Academy New Zealand programmes, contact your local Academy.

Directory.

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Fees: \$

This programme is available at the following Academy New Zealand location:

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The Pharmacy Technician National Certificate (Level 5) is the NZQA approved qualification required to become a pharmacy dispensary technician. This course teaches all the necessary technical skills and pharmaceutical knowledge, and is ideally suited to pharmacy assistants wanting to further their careers.

Programme detail.

By law, only Pharmacists, Pharmacy Interns, Pharmacy Technicians and trainee Pharmacy Technicians can dispense prescription medicines in a pharmacy. Our course addresses all the learning needed to qualify in a mix of classroom, work placement and our model pharmacy dispensary.

The following skills are covered in this programme:

- **Processing prescriptions:** Developing a sound understanding of the principles of preparing and dispensing prescriptions.
- **Calculations:** Revising the skills needed for preparing prescriptions and compounding products.

- **Handling pharmaceutical products:** Learning safe ways to handle and manage products and equipment.
- **Legislation:** Learning the relevant legislation codes and standards, and how they relate to the role of a Pharmacy Technician.
- **Compounding:** Developing skills and knowledge to be able to compound a range of non-sterile products.
- **Advising clients:** Developing skills and knowledge to assist clients on the treatment of many illnesses and injuries.
- **Medicines:** Learning the most up-to-date medications, their applications and how to use them, and safety issues such as contra-indications.
- **Human biology:** Find out about the various body systems, typical disorders and how pharmaceutical products are used to treat them.
- **Practicum experience:** Students will undertake dispensary work experience with leading pharmacies. This practical learning is supervised by the pharmacist manager and verified by the pharmacy Tutor.
- **Job search:** A strong emphasis is placed on work experience and learning and applying practical skills on the job. We will also help you prepare a CV and find a job in your new career!

Quality points.

Small classes. Student focused. Workplace experience. Industry trained tutors. Interesting guest speakers and industry field trips.

Career opportunities.

A Pharmacy Technician National Certificate (Level 5) opens up a number of exciting possibilities:

- **Pharmacy Technician**
- **Pharmacy Retail Assistant**
- **Pharmacy Buyer**
- **Pharmaceutical Representative**

With further training, you could also become a hospital Pharmacy Technician or a fully qualified Pharmacist.

Certification.

Students who complete the prescribed programme requirements will receive the National Certificate in Pharmacy (Technician) level 5 – Community Strand.

Entry criteria.

Applications should have appropriate year 12-13 academic achievement, hold a National Certificate in Pharmacy (Assistant – Level 3), hold a complementary tertiary qualification or be able to demonstrate equivalent skills and knowledge. IELTS of 6.0 required for foreign language speakers.

Duration.

1 year. Full time.

Programme start date.

Start dates for this programme vary according to the location. For details, see box overleaf or contact your local Academy.