

PHARMACIST 1**Nature of Work**

Under general supervision, performs professional work at the full-performance level by operating a pharmacy at a state health facility. Has some latitude to vary administrative methods and procedures, but drugs are stored, dispensed, and disposed of within clearly defined parameters and established laws. May supervise pharmaceutical unit and/or assign and oversee the work of others. Performs related work as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics

Positions at this level perform standard duties of professional pharmacy. Administrative work is secondary beyond required records and reports. Primary duty is dispensation of medications.

Examples of Work

Dispenses medications according to physicians' orders and maintains drug control records.
 Prepares ointments, fills capsules with medication, and prepares and bottles solutions.
 Consults with medical staff on individual patient recommendations.
 Keeps staff informed of changes and innovations in the pharmaceutical field.
 Orders medications and pharmaceutical supplies.
 Coordinates and/or supervises the distribution, delivery and pick-up of pharmaceutical products.
 Inspects and inventories pharmacy stock.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of the principles and practices of professional pharmacy.
 Knowledge of administrative practices involved in the operation of a pharmacy.
 Ability to learn state rules and regulations concerning pharmacy operations.
 Ability to compound medicines and preparations as directed by prescriptions and physicians.
 Ability to perform routine assays and tests to determine identity, purity, and strength of drugs.
 Ability to requisition, stock and dispense drugs, biologicals, surgical supplies and dressings.
 Ability to maintain records related to pharmaceutical work.

Minimum Qualifications

TRAINING Certificate of registration as a pharmacist issued by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy.

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