

Pharmacy Assistant (PhA)

The Pharmacy Assistant diploma program at triOS is 32 weeks. It includes a 6-week internship. Canadians rely on pharmaceutical companies to deliver high quality service when it comes to dispensing prescriptions. Pharmacy assistants are an essential part of the functionality of these companies, and ensure that daily operations are carried out smoothly.

The Pharmacy Assistant diploma program at triOS provides you with the skills you need to become a highly sought after Pharmacy Assistant. You will be trained extensively in the language of medicine, the science of compounding medication mixtures, the roots of pharmacy practice and other key areas. The program comes complete with a 6-week internship and classrooms that simulate real-world pharmacies.

Program Benefits

- ✓ Half Day Classes
- ✓ CPR/First Aid Training
- ✓ Pharmacy Software Training
- ✓ Job Placement Assistance

Here's a look at some of the courses included in this program:

Preparatory Studies

Student Success Strategies, Digital Literacy for Professionals, Career Planning & Preparation, CPR and First Aid

Anatomy, Physiology & Terminology

Overview of the foundations of the language of medicine

Pharmacy Math, Compounding, Law & Ethics

Math concepts as it relates to medication dosages, compounding medication mixtures, Federal and Provincial Acts that govern the practice of pharmacy

Retail Pharmacy Practice & Pharmacy Software

Overview of the retail practice of pharmacy and hands-on training with Telus Health's Kroll software

Pharmacology

Origins and evolution of drugs, major classes of drugs, chemotherapy, nutritional and OTC patient-self-selection drugs



Employment and Wage Outlook for Careers in this field:



Employment Rate based on 2021 contactable triOS graduates employed in a related field within 12 months.

Source: workingincanada.gc.ca

NOC Code: 3414/33103 - **Wage data rounded down to the nearest dollar. Average wage doesn't reflect the starting salary but represents the middle value between lowest to highest wages. Local (or regional) income may vary. Last updated in Jan 2024.

Career Opportunities

Pharmacy Supply Assistant

Dispensary Assistant

Pharmacy Assistant

Clinic Assistant

Drug Safety Coordinator

Employers Who Have Hired triOS Grads

Rexall



Walmart
Pharmacy



SHOPPERS
DRUG MART



Other Employers Include:

- Canadian Integrated Health Services
- UltraMed Pharmacy
- Spectrum Healthcare
- Home Instead Senior Care

"It was a tough run. I was working full time and attending school full time. I loved going to school. I looked forward to it every day. It was relaxing compared to work. My teacher was an inspiration, and she kept me motivated. School was great! I know work full time at a pharmacy."

-Cheryl O.,
triOS College Pharmacy Assistant Graduate

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Diploma Program Length:
32 Weeks

Student Success Strategies Digital Literacy for Professionals Career Planning & Preparation - Level 1	4 Weeks
Anatomy, Physiology, and Terminology	4 Weeks
Pharmacy Mathematics Pharmacy Compounding Pharmacy Law and Ethics	8 Weeks
Pharmacology	4 Weeks

Retail Pharmacy Practice Pharmacy Software	4 Weeks
First Aid and CPR	1 Week
Career Planning and Preparation - Level 2	1 Week
Internship	6 Weeks
Keyboarding – Continuous learning throughout program	

Program highlights include:

- Registered and approved diploma
- Career Service
- Job search assistance
- Alumni program benefits

Admission Requirements:

1. Student has an Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent, OR
Is 18 years of age or older on or before the program begins AND can pass a qualifying test that has been approved by the Superintendent.*
2. The approved qualifying test for this program is the Wonderlic test. A passing score for this program is 16.
3. The College admissions test for this program is the triOS College Business, Legal & Healthcare Entrance Exam. A passing score for this program is 60%.

*Applicants from other Canadian provinces must be at least 19 years of age and a minimum of 1 year out of high school by the program start date and successfully pass an academic achievement test.

International Students: Please contact us for more detail regarding admissions requirements.

Accreditation Policy:

Like all post-secondary institutions in Ontario, triOS College reserves the right to accept or deny advanced standing into its programs.

Note:

In order to continuously improve our programs, triOS College reserves the right to modify programs at any time. Program delivery order may vary depending on the program start date. This diploma program may not be available at all campuses. The program may have additional reading weeks, depending on the start date.

You can find our Key Performance Indicators (graduation rate, employment rate, etc.) at www.triOS.com/kpi.

These are statistics from 2018.

