

Pharmacy as a Career 10/3/19

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Career Paths Within Pharmacy

- Inpatient, ambulatory care, research, oncology pharmacy, geriatrics, compounding, solid organ transplant pharmacy and much more!

Roles of Pharmacist

- Prescription is accurately filled
- Patient is informed about medications
- Managing budgets, human resource

Various pharmacy services at UCD Health

- Operating room satellite pharmacy
- Investigational drug service
- Pain management pharmacist
- Managed care services
- And more!

UCD Cypress Pharmacy

- Dispensing: avg. 1250 Rx/week
 - Retail AND specialty
- Staffing
 - 1 PIC [Pharmacist in Charge] /Supervisor
 - PIC is responsible for legal details that pharmacy must comply with
 - 2-3 pharmacists
 - 4 Pharmacy technicians
 - At front counter, at dispensing counter, at prescription filling machine, at packaging counter
- Specialty Areas
 - Solid Organ Transplant
 - 80-85% of specialty area
 - Work under a collaborative team
 - More of a clinic setting rather than a consultation counter setting

UCD Cypress Pharmacy is URAC Accredited

- A pharmacy that is URAC accredited can obtain a seal that they are accredited in specialty pharmacy
- Purpose of accreditation: Access to Limited Distribution Drugs (LDD) which are not found in typical retail pharmacies, can order specialty drugs directly from manufacturers; access to improved reimbursement from insurance companies

UCDMC Pharmacies

- 4 outpatient pharmacies in UCD Health Campus in Sacramento
- 1 outpatient pharmacy in Davis

Inpatient Pharmacy at UCD Health

- Provide 24 hr. services to hospital patients
- Verify technician prepared doses
- Intervene with physicians and nurse to ensure medication orders are appropriate

How best to prepare for pharmacy school?

- Study, study, and study! Stay concentrated and focus. Have work experience under your belt and show your passion for pharmacy whether it be through clubs, fraternities, or community services.
- Have a plan in mind and stay organized. Do your research for which pharmacy school you want to apply to.

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