

PHARMACISTS:

HIGHLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

EDUCATION: 6+ YEARS

- » **Education focus** is on pharmacotherapy, medication and disease management, clinical decision-making, patient education, and preventive care.
- » **All pharmacy school graduates earn a PharmD** doctoral degree signifying the complexity and advanced training needed for patient care and medication use and management.



“Add a pharmacist to the team to see better outcomes. The addition of a pharmacist into a team-based care practice model can improve patient outcomes. As key partners in patient care, pharmacists take on a variety of roles, such as helping get a patient’s diabetes or hypertension under control.” —American Medical Association¹¹

ACCESSIBLE


340,000
pharmacists
in the United States.


89%
of Americans
live within
5 miles of a
pharmacy.¹

An expected shortfall of 139,000 primary care providers

and 48% of U.S. counties have fewer than one primary care provider for every 1,500 patients²



- » there are **15.1% more pharmacy locations** within low-income communities than physician practices, and³
- » pharmacy locations offer **95.7% more operating hours** than physician practice sites.⁴

LICENSURE

Required competency exams, state licensure, and continuing education to practice.

IMPACTING PUBLIC HEALTH

- » **6 in 10 adults** have a chronic disease¹²
- » Pharmacists across the country **Test and Treat:**
 - » COVID-19
 - » Strep
 - » Flu
 - » RSV
 - » HIV
 - » STIs

PHARMACISTS PRESCRIBE AND MANAGE CARE IN ALL 50 STATES¹³ FOR

- » Immunizations
- » Naloxone
- » Medications for opioid use disorder
- » Chronic disease management, such as diabetes, hypertension, and anticoagulation
- » Respiratory infections
- » HIV PEP and PrEP
- » Hormonal contraceptives

PHARMACISTS SAVE THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM MONEY



“Our study demonstrates that a pharmacist prescribing intervention would save \$10,162 per person over a 30-year time horizon and at the population level, a cumulative savings of \$1.13 trillion dollars.”

—“Cost-effectiveness of pharmacist prescribing for managing hypertension in the United States”¹⁴



\$1 in pharmacist-provided care resulted in \$4 of health care cost savings.¹⁰

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- » Many **pharmacists complete postgraduate residencies, fellowships, and/or board certification** in specialty areas.
- » **+60,000 pharmacists** across the U.S. have achieved **board certification in one or more of 14 specialties.**¹⁵

ESSENTIAL PART OF THE HEALTH CARE TEAM



Nearly 80% of patients view pharmacists as an integral part of their health care team.⁹



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TRUSTED



Pharmacists gave 50 - 70% of the COVID-19 vaccines during the pandemic.^{7,8}



Patients visit their pharmacy twice as often as they visit their doctor.^{5,6}



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