

# Pharmacist



## What does a Pharmacist do?

- Typical tasks include interpreting prescription orders, communicating information such as uses, side effects and drug interactions, and assisting patients in the selection of nonprescription medicines and health products.
- A Pharmacist must enjoy working with people and helping those in need.
- The Pharmacist remains the most accessible health professional to the general public.

## What kind of Education would I need?

- Two years of accredited college work prior to entering pharmacy school
- Four years of pharmacy school
- Doctoral or professional degree in Pharmacy
- Pass a state and national board exam

## Where would I work?

- Academia
- Ambulatory care centers
- Community pharmacy
- Department stores
- : electronic shopping and mail-order houses
- Grocery stores
- Health system pharmacy
- Long-term care pharmacy
- Physician offices
- Pharmaceutical industry
- Various government agencies

## Job Outlook?

Employment of Pharmacists is expected to grow by 17 percent between 2010 and 2022, which is faster than the average for all occupations. The increasing numbers of middle-aged and elderly people - who use more prescription drugs than younger people - will continue to spur demand for Pharmacists throughout the projection period. In addition, as scientific advances lead to new drug products, and as an increasing number of people obtain prescription drug coverage, the need for these workers will continue to expand.

## Site:

<https://apps.sd.gov/ld01dol/Template/Main.aspx?TemplateID=24&OrphanPage=https://apps.sd.gov/LD55CareerInsite/CustomContent/welcome.aspx>

## Video:

<https://apps.sd.gov/ld55careersite/CIOccupation.aspx?OccupationCode=291051>

## Salary?

Pharmacists earn an average of \$109,700 per year!

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