

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science (QCF)

Qualification Number: 500/9939/5

What is the purpose of this qualification?

This qualification has been developed in collaboration with Skills for Health and the General Pharmaceutical Council and is based on the National Occupational Standards for Pharmacy. It is nationally recognised and is accredited on the Qualifications and Credit Framework.

This qualification has been developed to allow pharmacy employees and full-time learners the opportunity to achieve the underpinning knowledge for the role of Pharmacy Technician. The qualification meets the General Pharmaceutical Council's standards for initial education and training for pharmacy technicians.

What does this qualification cover?

Learners must complete 19 mandatory units as follows:

- Chemical principles for pharmacy technicians
- Biological principles for pharmacy
- Microbiology for pharmacy
- Human physiology for pharmacy
- Action and uses of medicines
- Gastrointestinal and nutritional medicines
- Cardio-respiratory medicines
- Central nervous system medicines and anaesthesia
- Infections, immunological products and vaccines
- Endocrine and genito-urinary medicines
- Malignant disease, immunosuppressive and musculoskeletal medicines
- Eye, ear, nose and dermatological medicines
- Community pharmacy practice
- Professional development in pharmacy
- Communicating in pharmacy
- Dispensing and supply of medicines
- Pharmaceutics
- Pharmacy law, ethics and practice
- Making medicines for pharmacy

How is the qualification assessed?

Learners will complete assignments devised by their training provider. The qualification is graded Pass/Merit/Distinction.

Who could take this qualification?

This qualification is for all learners aged 16 and above who are capable of reaching the required standards. It has been designed for full-time learners or those working in a pharmacy setting, either in the community or in a hospital.

What could this qualification lead to?

Learners who achieve this qualification and the Pearson Edexcel Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Pharmacy Service Skills will be eligible for registration as a Pharmacy Technician with the General Pharmaceutical Council.

The qualification will help learners with their own development and progression in the workplace, into roles such as a medicines management pharmacy technician or an accuracy checking pharmacy technician.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is recognised by the General Pharmaceutical Council as essential to ensure Pharmacy Technicians are appropriately skilled for the job and able to deliver to the standard that the industry and the public expects from a pharmacy professional.