

## Pearson Edexcel Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Pharmacy Service Skills (QCF)

**Qualification Number: 500/9578/X**

### What is the purpose of this qualification?

This qualification has been developed in collaboration with Skills for Health, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain 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.

The qualification provides the right level of competence, meeting the needs of patients and the public and the individual in the role of Pharmacy Technician. It also meets the General Pharmaceutical Council's standards for initial education and training for pharmacy technicians.

### What does this qualification cover?

Learners must complete 14 mandatory units as follows:

- Ensure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety
- Provide an effective and responsive pharmacy service
- Process pharmaceutical queries
- Reflect on and develop your practice
- Receive prescriptions from individuals
- Confirm prescription validity
- Assemble prescribed items
- Issue prescribed items
- Prepare extemporaneous medicines for individual use
- Order pharmaceutical stock
- Receive pharmaceutical stock
- Maintain pharmaceutical stock
- Issue pharmaceutical stock
- Undertake an in-process accuracy check of assembled prescribed items prior to the final accuracy check

Learners must also complete optional units to the value of 7 credits. Optional units include providing advice on symptoms, manufacturing and assembling medicinal products, preparing and checking documentation, processing prescriptions for payment and assisting in the supply of pharmaceutical appliances.

### How is the qualification assessed?

Learners will compile a portfolio of evidence demonstrating how they are meeting the required standard in the workplace.

### 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 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 BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science 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.