



Why Study Pharmacy?

The Pharmacy industry is a regulated and varied industry and therefore this course is only offered through a traineeship program under the direct supervision of a pharmacist to ensure trainees can offer the best quality care practices.

The practical real life learning environment also means students can be paid throughout their training.

Students and graduates of this course will be responsible for assisting the Pharmacist in dealing with customers firsthand and implementing Pharmacy protocol as to determine appropriate referrals.

Implementing Pharmacy protocols requires an assistant to have adequate knowledge of a range of health issues and products to provide customers with appropriate medication and self care practices under the supervision of a Pharmacist.

The health care industry is growing and combined with an ageing population, a career in pharmacy can be a rewarding choice. Those attracted to this course of study are typically interested in health care and retail and have a strong desire to provide professional customer service in a pharmacy environment.

Why Study Pharmacy at West Coast TAFE?

- The West Coast TAFE pharmacy program was written with industry support and feedback therefore ensuring it is relevant and worthwhile.
- West Coast TAFE has a proven successful track record in running this traineeship program. Students have won industry awards and continue to thrive in their employment.
- West Coast TAFE staff are committed to ensuring students receive the best learning support. Students receive individual support face to face at their workplace and are assessed according to their employer's policies.
- Most students continue from their Certificate II to Certificate III allowing them greater responsibility within the pharmacy.

Course	Career Opportunities:
Certificate II in Community Pharmacy	This certificate can be studied over 12 months full-time or 18 months part-time. Graduates will qualify to work as a Pharmacy Assistant.
Certificate III in Community Pharmacy	This certificate can be studied over 12 months full-time or 18 months part-time. Graduates will qualify to work as a Pharmacy Assistant; Dispensary Assistant.

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