Pharmacist

**Job Description:** Distribute medications prescribed by health practitioners and provide information to patients about their use. May advise practitioners and patients on selection, dosage, and side effects of medications.

**What does a Pharmacist do?**

* Review prescriptions and provide information regarding drug interactions, side effects, dosage, and proper medication storage
* Monitor patient compliance and prevent excessive usage or harmful side effects
* Evaluate the quality and effectiveness of drugs or drug regimens, providing advice on drug applications or characteristics
* Maintain procedures for mixing, packaging, or labeling of medications to ensure security and proper disposal
* Mix and dispense prescribed medications by calculating, weighing, measuring, and mixing ingredients
* Publish educational information for other pharmacists, practitioners, and patients

**Outlook:**

Average Salary - $61.81 hourly, $128,570 annually

Projected Job Openings – 11,300 in the next 10 years

**Your Interests:**

* Do you want to help others?
* Are you interested in medicine?
* Are you good at math?
* Do you have good communication skills?

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Entry level positions requires residency, exams and licensing, a doctorate degree, and specialized/continued pharmaceutical education
* Degree paths include medicinal chemistry, biology, and related fields