

## New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician - Advanced) (Level 5)

This level 5 programme is available for study if you have completed your New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician - Core) at level 4 and you wish to continue with further learning. A level 5 technician qualification will give you extra knowledge and skills to advance further with study or hold a senior technician role. It will also enable you to further support the provision of safe, patient centred healthcare.



### Qualification structure

This programme is made up of four courses that are to be completed in the order shown below. Check the qualification page on our website for course availability before applying to enrol.

| Course Code | Course Name                                                 | Credits |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| PHT007      | Body systems and how medicines work (1)                     | 20      |
| PHT008      | Body systems and how medicines work (2)                     | 20      |
| PHT009      | Stock and inventory management. Non-aseptic compounding     | 13      |
| PHT010      | Pharmacy practice topics relevant to workplace requirements | 12      |

### What you will learn

When you achieve this qualification you will be able to:

- Communicate appropriately and interact effectively with other health care professionals and their staff
- Apply an advanced level of knowledge of human anatomy, physiology and medicines used in the treatment of health disorders
- Understand how medicines work and affect body systems
- Apply critical thinking and problem solving processes to achieve appropriate solutions in advanced dispensing techniques and/or optimising patient outcomes
- Manage inventory and facilitate supply arrangements as appropriate to the pharmacy and its specific community.

#### Qualification code NZ1889

##### Level > 5

Credits > 65

##### Workload >

Allow 200 hours of study per course. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates.

##### Study type >

Open.

##### Cost >

See the qualification page on the website.

##### Student loan >

You can get a student loan for this qualification if you meet the criteria. Visit [studylink.govt.nz](https://studylink.govt.nz) for more information.

### Career Opportunities

This qualification will allow you to work in a range of dispensary related roles in community, hospital, industrial and education settings within pharmacy. It will prepare you for higher level study in pharmacy or other health related roles.

### How to apply

Go to the choose courses tab on the qualification page on our website. Select PHT007 Body Systems and How Medicines Work (1) and click add to enrolment plan. You'll be taken through our step-by-step enrolment process, which you can save and exit from at any time.

## Entry requirements

To gain admission into the New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician - Advanced) level 5 you need to:

- Have attained the New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician - Core) (Level 4)
- be currently employed in a pharmacy for a minimum of 20 hours per week
- have a current first aid certificate that is to be kept up to date throughout the duration of this programme.

## Verification of work-based tasks

During the online enrolment process you will need to provide the contact details of your intended Pharmacist Verifier. They will then be sent an online form to complete.

## Computer and online access

This programme is delivered 100% online. To complete this programme you will need access to a laptop or desktop computer, reliable broadband internet connection and a data plan able to support online learning such as streaming of videos (including YouTube), downloading content, and writing and submitting online assessments. If you are unsure if your current computer or internet access allows you to complete your online learning with us, please contact us before applying to enrol.

Visit [openpolytechnic.ac.nz/online](https://openpolytechnic.ac.nz/online) to view our online learning and study tools.

## English language requirements

International students must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5, or equivalent.

Domestic students for whom English or Māori is not their first language must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5, or equivalent.

## International students and domestic students living overseas

You can study this programme part-time if you're an international student living in New Zealand. You will need to be in paid employment for a minimum of 20 hours per week with a valid work permit. The work permit must be valid for the duration of the study.

You cannot study this programme if you're an international student living overseas, or a New Zealand citizen living overseas. This is because the courses are based on New Zealand legislation, terminology and codes of practice. Also the programme includes some practical workplace tasks and assessments in a New Zealand pharmacy.

Learn more about studying as an international student [openpolytechnic.ac.nz/study-with-us/distance-learning-with-us/international-students](https://openpolytechnic.ac.nz/study-with-us/distance-learning-with-us/international-students)

