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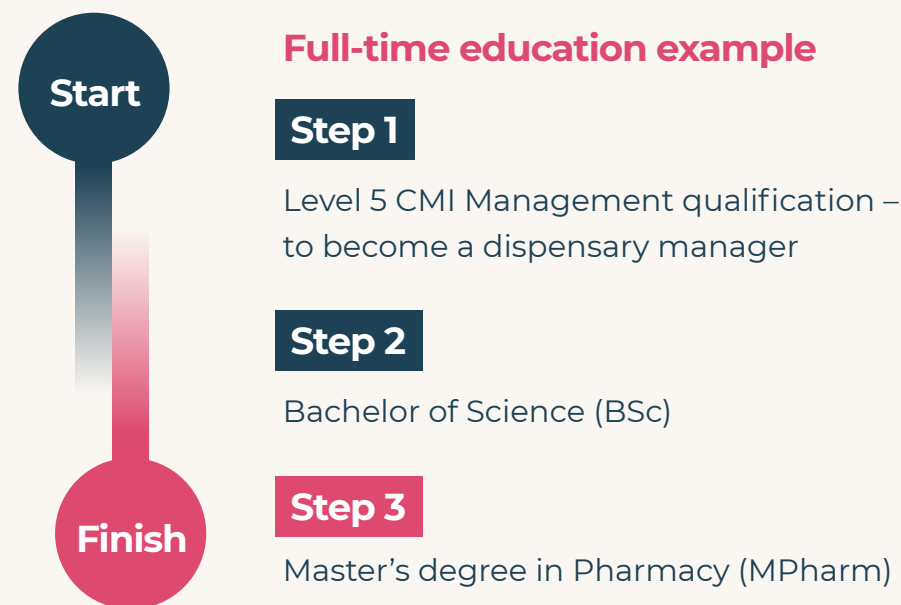
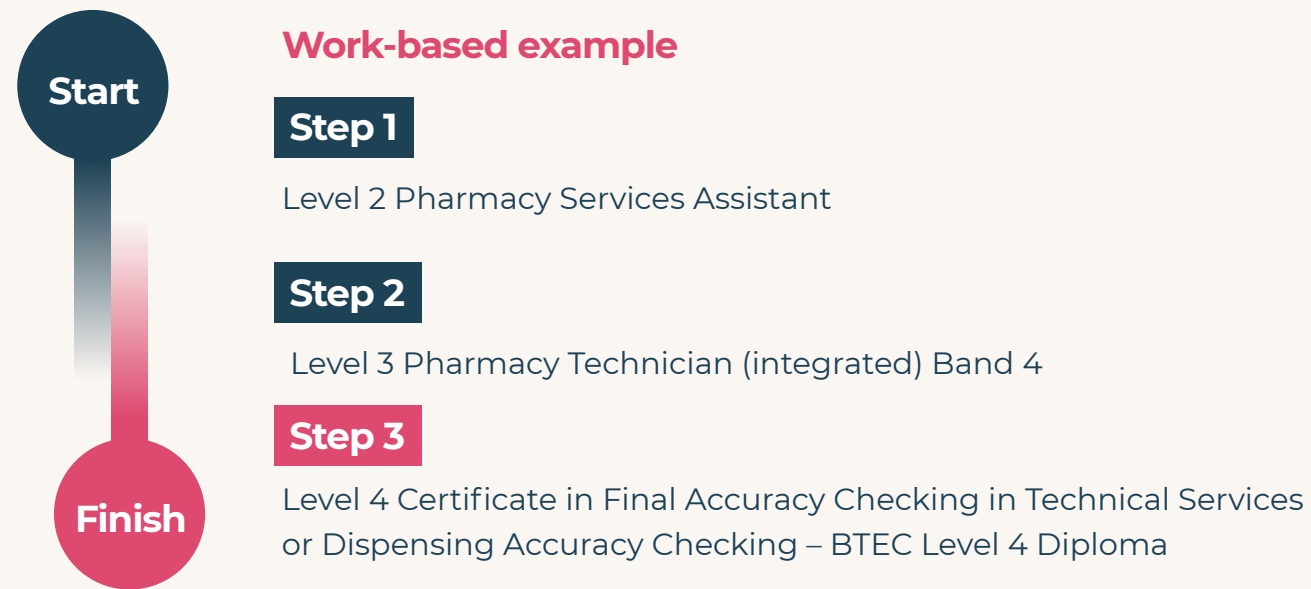
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QUALIFICATIONS

PATHWAYS FOR PROGRESSION

There are many qualifications that can help you progress your career in the pharmaceutical industry. The pathways below are examples of how this might look.



JOB ROLES AND CAREER PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

- Pharmacy assistant
- Pharmacy technician
- Pharmacist
- Clinical biochemistry
- Pharmaceutical medicine
- Medication delivery driver
- Dispensary stock manager
- Medicines counter assistant

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS AND BEHAVIOURS

Transferable skills are the skills and qualities that can be applied to a wide range of different jobs.

If you decide that you no longer want to work in pharmacy, it is important to be able to recognise the skills and behaviours you gained along the way, which will support you in a new career path.

Being able to promote these skills and behaviours to potential employers will demonstrate what you can bring to a role and how much you have learned from previous positions or experience.



The skills and behaviours include the following.

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work as part of a team with other professionals
- Attention to detail and accuracy
- Dependability and reliability
- Ability to work effectively with colleagues, patients and the public
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and privacy
- Responsible, accurate and methodical
- Interested in helping people and improving people's health
- Maths skills
- Active listening skills
- Continual learning
- Customer service
- Patience
- Empathy
- Commitment
- Ability to work under pressure
- Sensitivity and understanding
- Mentoring skills
- Ability to multi-task



CAREER DEVELOPMENT USING TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

- Work in hospitals, GP surgeries, prisons and community pharmacy
- Work in the pharmaceutical industry
- Advise government on how best to make the most out of medicines and pharmacy services
- Specialist roles like clinical technician, working with healthcare professionals and patients on wards
- Potential opportunities to move into specialist areas such as oncology, paediatrics or clinical trials
- Research and development work
- Laboratory technician
- Pharmaceutical production, sales or marketing
- Pharmacy assessor working with trainee pharmacy technicians
- Healthcare adviser
- Pharmacy adviser
- Medication trainer
- Education and training technician
- Teacher



MATHS AND ENGLISH

These skills will be the foundation of a long and successful career, whichever vocation you choose in the future. Most jobs need people who can read and act on information confidently and communicate effectively with others (whether verbally or in writing). They also require some knowledge of maths for problem solving, whether that's in relation to money, estimating amounts, ordering or time management. Other examples of maths and English skills you will develop while working within the pharmacy industry include the following.

- Understanding measurement systems
- Calculating daily supply of medication
- Conversion of medication from one strength to another
- Using formulae to calculate dosage of medication
- Ordering stock and carrying out stock inventory
- Basic algebra
- Percentages and fraction calculations
- Effective listening, written, verbal and non-verbal communication skills
- Ability to read and understand prescriptions

WEBSITE AND CAREERS INFORMATION

NHS

The NHS website provides a wealth of information for people working in or wanting to work in a health profession. You can also explore roles in pharmacy. [Click here](#) for more information.

National Careers Service

The National Careers Service provides information on 25 job categories. The service is free and provides information on how to enter the profession, the skills you need, what the job entails, progression opportunities and the average salary. [Click here](#) for more information.

Pharmacist Support

Pharmacist Support is an independent charity which provides a range of support for those working in the pharmacy profession, as well as information and advice about career opportunities. [Click here](#) to learn more.

UCAS

UCAS provides a wealth of independent careers information, advice and guidance. You can find out about different careers, apprenticeships and courses, as well as support guides that cover many aspects of student life. [Click here](#) for more information.

IfATE

The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) provides a range of information, including occupational maps. Visit the site [here](#) and select the occupational route you are interested in.



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