

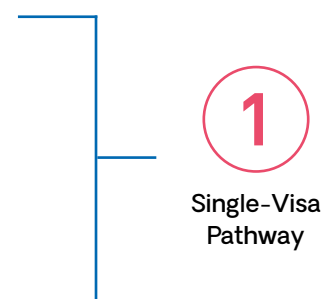
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PHARMACY TECHNICIAN LEVELS 3, 4 & 5 COMBINED



This comprehensive programme prepares you for a career as a **pharmacy technician**, progressing from **Level 3 through to Levels 4 and 5** of the New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy. It is delivered as a **combined programme** through a streamlined, **single-visa pathway**.

You will gain core pharmacy knowledge, professional communication skills, and **530 hours** of pharmacy-based work experience. On successful completion, you'll graduate with **three NZ Certificates in Pharmacy**: Level 3 (Introduction to Pharmacy Practice), Level 4 (Pharmacy Technician – Core), and Level 5 (Pharmacy Technician – Advanced), ensuring you are confident, work-ready, and prepared for professional practice in a pharmacy setting.

+ What does a Pharmacy Technician do?


- + Assist pharmacists with the preparation and dispensing of prescriptions
- + Enter prescription details, prepare labels, and maintain patient records
- + Manage stock levels and place medicine orders
- + Maintain the dispensary, equipment, and work environment
- + Handle pharmacy administration and customer communications

Benifits of Studying Pharmacy with NZMA


Internship
guaranteed*


Career Navigator
Service


Industry Networking
Established


Progression across
Levels 3–5 on one visa

* During your studies, you will get a guaranteed interview with one of our industry partners. If successful, you will be recruited as a part-time employee while you continue your studies. This will give you valuable experience and great exposure to the industry.

Course Information

Duration

57 weeks

2026 intake

16 March

Work placement

530 hours

Tuition fee

NZ\$33,075

Resource fee

NZ\$3,000

Admin fee

NZ\$400

Campus

Auckland central

Scholarship

Up to NZ\$7,000



Course Structure

Course name	Placement hours	Credits	Courses
New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Introduction to Pharmacy Practice) (Level 3)	90	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Professionalism, ethics, and effective communicationLegislation in retail pharmacy workplaceRetail pharmacy customer care and adviceFirst AidRetail operations: support, calculations, and technology
New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician - Core) (Level 4)	200	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Professional Practice 1Dispensing 1Dispensing 1APatient Care 1
New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician - Advanced) (Level 5)	240	65	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Professional Practice 2Anatomy & PhysiologyDispensing 2Patient Care

Entry Requirements

Academic

Completion of NCEA Level 2 (high school) or equivalent.

English

IELTS 6.0 (General/Academic) with no band lower than 5.5 or an equivalent qualification approved by NZQA.

Other

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Have an acceptable New Zealand Police vet prior to the beginning of practical experience

* Applicants may be required to attend an interview with the NZMA enrolment team.

Employability

Pharmacy Technicians usually earn

\$79K to \$91K / Annual

Source: Tertiary Education Commission (Tāhutu), 'Pharmacy Technician' ([link](#))

New Zealand's health system currently has an estimated need for around **620 pharmacy technicians***, reflecting ongoing workforce demand. Completing a pharmacy technician qualification gives you the skills employers are actively looking for in community and hospital pharmacies.

* Source: Te Whatu Ora | Health Workforce Plan 2024 (Pharmacy) ([link](#))



CHRISTINE DEJANDO
Graduate, Certificate in Pharmacy Technician (Level 5)

"I actually started my study with another college before, but I decided to study full-time with NZMA, which also meant I would qualify much faster. NZMA teach 'best practice' so I learned the right way to do things – and the reasons why we do things this way. I also really enjoyed learning in-depth about medicines. I have been working at Parkside Pharmacy in Auckland, as a senior technician since I graduated a year ago."

Find out more at nzma.ac.nz

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