

Up to \$7K  
scholarship  
available



# 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

## Benefits 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

<b>Duration</b> 57 weeks	<b>Tuition fee</b> NZ\$33,075	<b>Campus</b> Auckland central
<b>2026 intake</b> 16 March	<b>Resource fee</b> NZ\$3,000	<b>Scholarship</b> Up to NZ\$7,000
<b>Work placement</b> 530 hours	<b>Admin fee</b> NZ\$400	



## 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"><li>• Professionalism, ethics, and effective communication</li><li>• Legislation in retail pharmacy workplace</li><li>• Retail pharmacy customer care and advice</li><li>• First Aid</li><li>• Retail operations: support, calculations, and technology</li></ul>
New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician - Core) (Level 4)	200	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professional Practice 1</li><li>• Dispensing 1</li><li>• Dispensing 1A</li><li>• Patient Care 1</li></ul>
New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician - Advanced) (Level 5)	240	65	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professional Practice 2</li><li>• Anatomy &amp; Physiology</li><li>• Dispensing 2</li><li>• Patient Care</li></ul>

## 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 (Tāhatai), '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](http://nzma.ac.nz)

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