



# National Certificate: Pharmacist Assistance 2021

## INTRODUCTION

This training programme leads to a national qualification as a Pharmacist Assistant (Basic), NQF level 3 in the SAQA Field: Health Sciences and Social Services, and SAQA Subfield: Preventative, Curative, Promotive and Developmental and Health Services.

Health Science Academy offers training in all four sectors of pharmacy: community, hospital/institutional, manufacturing and wholesale/distribution. The South African Pharmacy Council has approved the course and has accredited Health Science Academy as a provider of education and training.

### WHO SHOULD ENROLL?

Candidates who wish to enrol should be competent in mathematical literacy and communication at NQF level 2. Candidates who wish to enrol must be working in a pharmacy under the supervision of a tutor pharmacist. Both the tutor and the premises must be approved and registered by the South African Pharmacy Council. Once a learner has obtained this qualification by meeting all the necessary requirements, the learner will be able to register as a Pharmacist Assistant (Basic) with the South African Pharmacy Council.

## COURSE CONTENT

The qualification is designed to meet the needs of learners who are currently involved in the pharmaceutical field or who wish to do so in future. It will allow access to the pharmaceutical environment and may also open up opportunities for adult learners who wish to develop their careers in related categories.

The purpose of this qualification is to equip learners with the core needs of the pharmaceutical environment. Learners will understand and acquaint themselves with the underlying principles of all the major areas related to the pharmaceutical environment by obtaining grounding in the relevant legislative and ethical requirements as well as the basic technical skills required in this field.

Through a combination of theoretical exercises and workplace learning, the learner will obtain knowledge and understanding to develop skills that will directly improve performance in the work environment.

## STUDY MATERIAL

Participants will receive a comprehensive resource guide and learner guide for each module containing all the information required.

One portfolio must be completed for each module. A portfolio for a module consists of all the learning activities from the learner guide of each module. The practical component of the training is completed at work during work hours and the theoretical component is completed at home.

## ASSESSMENT

The assessments will be based on a portfolio submitted for each module together with a written questionnaire. A completed portfolio must be submitted before the written questionnaire can be answered. Learners must be assessed and be found competent on every module to qualify for this certificate.

If the learner is assessed on a module and deemed Not Yet Competent, then he/she can be re-assessed twice more to gain competency. If competency is not achieved after three attempts in total, he/she will have to repeat the whole module from the start. Re-assessment fees will be applicable.

Each assessment is moderated by a moderator at Health Science Academy.

## COURSE DATES

Open registration

## CERTIFICATION

Successful participants will receive a certificate of qualification which will only be issued if a minimum of 28 days of the contact session days have been attended and all the assessments have been successfully completed.

Once the qualification and a concurrent twelve months of in-service training are completed, a candidate may apply to the South African Pharmacy Council (SAPC) to be registered as a Pharmacist Assistant (Basic).

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## COURSE DESIGN

The course is structured on a modular basis. Each module is based on a registered Unit Standard at NQF level 3. The course comprises of core modules that are applicable to all sectors, with a choice of electives according to the chosen speciality.

All modules are to be completed within the registration period of 14 (fourteen) months. A minimum of 28 days of contact sessions must be attended to receive a certificate. Should the Health Science Academy registration expire after 14 months, re-registration is possible after paying the associated costs, in order to complete any outstanding modules.

Module	Title	Community (days)	Hospital (days)	Manufacture (days)	Wholesale (days)
1	Communication and interpersonal skills	3	3	3	3
2	Introduction to the pharmaceutical environment	2	2	2	2
3	Pharmacy, practice, ethics and law	2	2	2	2
4	Research and data management	2	2	2	2
5	Basic management skills	3	3	3	3
6	HIV and AIDS in the workplace	1	1	1	1
7	Health and safety in the workplace	6	6	6	6
8	Drug supply management I and II	3	3	3	3
9	Health and medicine	2	2		
10	Marketing products in a pharmacy	3			
11	Compounding and packaging of pharmaceutical products	3	3		
12	Providing products in a pharmacy		2		
13	Basic computer skills		1	1	1
14	Good wholesale distribution pharmacy practice				6
15	Large scale pharmaceutical manufacturing			5	
16	Stress management			1	1
17	Customer care			1	

## COST

### Option 1

100% payment on registration  
Total course fee: R16 250.00

### Option 2

R 8 937.50 (50%) on registration plus R 8 937.50 (50%) six (6) months after registration.  
Total course fee: R 17 875.00

### Option 3

R 5 000.00 on registration plus R 6 600.00 four (4) months after registration plus R 6 600.00 eight (8) months after registration  
Total course fee: R 18 200.00

## REGISTRATION

### Please send completed application forms to:

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