



**EXPRESS PHARMACY ASSISTANT  
DIPLOMA**  
16 WEEKS | 340 HOURS

# START A NEW PHARMACY CAREER IN ONLY 16 WEEKS



## PROGRAM OUTLINE

All our classes are taught by **dedicated professionals** with years of **practical, real-world experience** in their fields, from nursing to pharmaceutical science. As a student, you will learn from experts and develop the skills employers are looking for. Some of the courses covered include:

- Pharmacy Theory
- Pharmacy Jurisprudence & Job Ethics
- Pharmacology
- Pharmacy Computer Applications & Billing
- Health Care Communication & Interpersonal Skills
- Pharmacy Management
- Non-Prescribed Products
- Community Pharmacy
- Medical Terminology
- Non-Sterile Compounding
- Introduction to Hospital Pharmacy
- Pharmaceutical Calculations
- Career & Professional Development

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Graduates of Heritage College's express Pharmacy Assistant Diploma gain the technical and medical knowledge needed to support the day-to-day operations of a pharmacy. Over this course, you will:

- Gain valuable hands-on experience in labs and practicums, including **non-sterile compounding** and **dispensing**
- Master need-to-know pharmacy management software, including the **Kroll Pharmacy Management system**
- Study **medical terminology, anatomy, physiology** and **pharmacology** to identify the major classes of drugs needed to treat illnesses and other conditions
- Learn **important mathematical formulas** used by pharmacy assistants in their daily jobs
- Explore both **institutional** and **retail pharmacies** to prepare you for a career in any type of pharmacy

## PROGRAM DURATION

CLASSES	220 HOURS	13 WEEKS
PRACTICUM	120 HOURS	3 WEEKS
TOTAL	340 HOURS	16 WEEKS

## COURSE DELIVERY

Our Express Pharmacy Assistant diploma program has two delivery methods:

- **In-Class:** Either two days a week (evening and weekend option) or four days a week (morning option) at Heritage College's Calgary campus.
- **Blended:** Lectures and theory delivered online, with online assessment; occasional labs and exams in-class at our Calgary campus.

The Express Pharmacy Assistant diploma combines lectures, visual aides, hands-on learning, projects, exams and group discussions into an holistic, accessible learning experience.

## CAREER PATHS

Most pharmacies require professional pharmacy assistants for their day-to-day operations. Graduates of our Express Pharmacy Assistant program can find employment at community pharmacies, healthcare facilities, clinics, pharmaceutical wholesalers, and laboratories.

Our graduates have gone on to work for Alberta Health Services, community pharmacies, clinics, and major franchises such as Safeway, Loblaws, Shoppers Drug Mart and Walmart.



AVERAGE ALBERTA WAGE  
**\$23/HR**



CAREER OUTLOOK  
**ABOVE AVERAGE**



JOB DEMAND  
**HIGH**

*Based on career information from alis.ca*

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All students must be 18-year-old or older, pass a criminal records check, possess basic computer skills, and meet one of the following:

**Either:**

- An Alberta high school diploma, a G.E.D., or the equivalent

**Or:**

- Pass a Wonderlic Test with a score of at least 13, demonstrating their English and math skills

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Paying for your education doesn't have to be difficult. Heritage College is here to help you make this crucial investment and help you find your dream job. Here are some of the ways we can help you:

1. **Student Loans:** Heritage College's certificate and diploma programs are accredited by the Government of Alberta, and eligible for Alberta Student Aid funding. Our admissions team is happy to work with you to help you apply for government funding.
2. **Interest-Free Financing:** Students can finance their education over the duration of their program with our *100% INTEREST FREE student financing*. Talk to our admissions team to see if this option is right for you.
3. **Student Line of Credit:** Heritage College can help you apply to your bank or credit union for a Student Line of Credit. Contact our admissions team to find out how we can help you with this option.



# THE HERITAGE

## CAREER COLLEGE ADVANTAGE



### SMALL CLASS SIZES

There are never more than 12 students in a class, ensuring you get valuable **one-on-one** time with your instructors. Our **experienced team** ensures you learn more effectively, and develop the skills that will get you hired.

### FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES



Whether you're working, taking care of your family, or you have other priorities, our programs are designed to fit your busy life. **Graduate in under a year**, and get the education you need when you need it.



### AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

Learn without breaking the bank. Our programs are designed to **fit your budget**, with no padding to drive up the costs. To help students achieve their educational goals, we offer both **student financing** and **scholarships**.

### EXPERIENCED CAREER ADVISORS



Starting a career in a new industry can be difficult. That's why our team of Career Advisors will work with you **at every step** of your job search. From **resume writing** to **interview coaching** to **job hunting**, we work with you to help you succeed in the workforce.



### GUARANTEED PRACTICUM PLACEMENTS

Get hands-on, real-world job experience with a **3-week workplace practicum** at one of our partner businesses. Put your skills to work in a practical situations, learn from a practicing mentor, and develop the workplace skills that will **get you hired**.

DISCOVER A COLLEGE  
THAT WORKS FOR  
**YOU**