



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
- Pharmacy Management
- Non-Prescribed Products
- Community Pharmacy
- Medical Terminology
- Non-Sterile Compounding
- Introduction to Hospital Pharmacy
- Pharmaceutical Calculations
- Pharmacy Professional Services
- 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.
- **Online:** Lectures and theory delivered online, with online assessment.

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 STARTING WAGE
\$21/HR



CAREER OUTLOOK
ABOVE AVERAGE



JOB DEMAND
HIGH

Based on career information from alis.ca

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Heritage College has two methods of admissions: Standard, for students who have just graduated from high school in Canada, and Mature, for students who are 18-years-old (in AB and SK), 19-years-old (in BC and MB), or older and who have been out of school for at least one year.

STANDARD:

- Requires a Canadian high school diploma, a G.E.D., or the equivalent.

MATURE:

- Requires applicants to pass our Wonderlic Skills Test with a minimum score of 13

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:

- **Student Loans:** Heritage College's certificate and diploma programs are accredited by the Government of Alberta, and eligible for student funds in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.
- **Interest-Free Financing:** Students can finance their education over the duration of their program with our 100% INTEREST FREE student financing.
- **Student Line of Credit:** Heritage College can help you apply to your bank or credit union for a Student Line of Credit.





THE HERITAGE COLLEGE ADVANTAGE



SMALL CLASS SIZES

We keep our class sizes small, 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 so you can 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.

LEARN TO WORK