

# How Can Students be Leaders?

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## Why working with the Technical Practice Team is a valuable experience as a student: Pharmacy Technician Student Distribution Position



### Position Overview

- Temporary full-time role for post-secondary students to gain exposure to hospital pharmacy operations from a procedural lens
- Focus on developing professional skill sets while they perform duties under direct supervision
- Primary tasks include updating and revising materials, developing tools, and creating educational presentations
- May include opportunities to shadow a pharmacy technician and participate in an active practice day



### Why Apply?

- Opportunity to explore lesser-known roles of Pharmacy Technicians
- Hands-on experience with the technical side of pharmacy practice, typically gained later in a career
- Exposure to the pharmacy community and chance to build connections with peers, mentors and professionals
- Insight into why changes are needed and how they are implemented



### Position & Grant Criteria

#### Position Eligibility:

- Completed first year of a two-year Alberta-accredited Pharmacy Technician diploma program
- Currently enrolled in the second year of the program
- Fluent in English (both written and verbal)
- Accurate, reliable, self-motivated, and cooperative
- Able to work independently and as part of a team

#### Grant Eligibility:

- Between 19 and 30 years old at the position start date
- Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or protected person under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- Legally eligible to work in Canada



### Additional Skills

- Experience in hospital or retail pharmacy is not required but an asset
- Understanding of pharmacy workflow is beneficial
- Familiarity with Microsoft Teams, Word, PowerPoint, OneNote and Excel is an asset
- Strong communication, interpersonal, and time management skills are desired
- Excellent organizational, problem-solving, and decision-making abilities are highly valued



### Job Timing & Commitment

#### When is the position posted?

- Application opens in early March and closes by late March

#### When would I work?

- Summer position, usually between the first and second year of studies
- Weekday shifts with flexible daytime start times

#### How long is this temporary role?

- Can start as early as May and run through to the end of August
- Duration ranges from 6 to 16 weeks

### Application Tips

- Confirm you meet all position and grant requirements before applying
- Include a cover letter with your application
- Use keywords from the job posting that reflect your qualifications
- After uploading your resume to the AHS website, verify and edit your imported information as needed.



### Student Feedback

This role consolidated my passion for policy work and management of pharmacy services, while helping me build and maintain professional connections. With the incredible mentorship from the TPLs, my perspective has shifted, I can now see myself as a leader. I most valued learning how pharmacy guidelines and policies are developed within AHS — Tina

I've come to understand the meaning of 'Learn to be comfortable being uncomfortable.' This mindset has fueled my growth as I've stepped into unfamiliar, challenging situations. This role has challenged me to think critically and make confident decisions, even when the answers aren't black and white — Mackenzie

I feel like this role helped me become more open. I met a lot of wonderful and new people during this time and those interactions have helped me grow and be less afraid to take chances when they come my way. The TPL put in a lot of work behind the scenes, and I feel like a lot of people don't know that. — Shivani