

Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science 5356-03 (QAN no: 500/9959/0). This is a Technical Level qualification.

This Level 3 Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science enables people to work in pharmacy service support roles. It is designed to lead onto competence qualifications, an advanced apprenticeship in this area, and in to higher education to do a pharmacist qualification.

Who is this qualification for?	<p>This qualification is for those with an ability for science, who may already be working as Pharmacy Assistants and who wish to work as Pharmacy Technicians.</p> <p>Learners are recommended to have completed a Level 2 qualification in Pharmaceutical Science or equivalent.</p>
What does the qualification cover?	<p>Learners will be able to be part of the pharmacy team and work under the supervision of a registered Pharmacist in order to assemble and provide medicines for patients in a safe and correct manner. Learners will gain a good understanding of what's needed to support the smooth operation of a pharmacy.</p> <p>All nineteen units in this qualification are mandatory and assess knowledge only. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• action and uses of medicines• biological principles for pharmacy• chemical principles for pharmacy technicians• community pharmacy practice• eye, ear, nose and dermatological medicines• human physiology for pharmacy• infections, immunological products and vaccines• making medicines for pharmacy• malignant disease, immunosuppressive and musculoskeletal medicines• microbiology for pharmacy• pharmacy law, ethics and practice.

What opportunities are there for employment or progression after I have finished studying this qualification?

Learners completing this qualification may continue to work as pharmacy assistants trusted with greater responsibilities. They are able to gain promotion to become pharmacy technicians once they have a qualification showing they have the skills as well as the knowledge, such as the NVQ Diploma in Pharmacy Service Skills.

This qualification will help you progress onto the Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Pharmacy Service Skills. On completion of the Level 3 NVQ, learners will be able to seek employment as Pharmacy Technicians.

Learners may go on to do the Advanced Level Apprenticeship in Health (Pharmacy Services). Learners can also progress on to higher level qualifications, such as a relevant university degree, in order to qualify as a Pharmacist.

Further information can be found on our website and within the qualification handbook:

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/Courses-and-Qualifications/health-and-social-care/pharmacy-services/5356-pharmaceutical-science/level-3>