

Specification for Class of

PHARMACY ASSISTANT A

**Abolished Effective July 1, 2007**

Definition: Assists the pharmacist in technical pharmacy activities including the preparation and packaging of medications. Performs all duties under the direct supervision of a registered pharmacist.

Typical Work

Loads medication containers or unit dose drawers for the medication distribution system;

Packages sterile and non-sterile medication into single and multiple dose containers using appropriate techniques;

Monitors and replenishes drug stock in the pharmacy, floor stock in nursing medication areas and drug stock in emergency drug kits;

Assists in preparing pharmaceutical solutions for external, internal and intravenous use;

Performs technical functions in selected areas of pharmacy operations;

Assists in training Pharmacy Assistants;

Performs all functions of a Pharmacy Assistant level B;

Performs other related work as required.

Knowledge and abilities

Knowledge of: institutional pharmacy practice operations.

Ability to: understand oral and written directions from registered pharmacists; organize and perform work effectively and accurately; operate typewriters, word processors, packaging machines and other equipment incidental to pharmacy operations; conceptualize and communicate improvement in functioning pharmacy procedures.

Minimum Qualifications

PHARMACY ASSISTANT A

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A valid Washington State Pharmacy Assistant A-level certification.

New class

Effective July 1, 1981 (Approved March 12, 1981)