

## 660-Pharmacist

### Career Description

Pharmacist positions in the Department of Defense (DoD) involve scientific work in the field of pharmacy. Work typically involves the compounding of prescription of physicians, dentists, and other licensed practitioners; the formulation, preparation, bulk compounding, selection, dispensing and preservation of drugs, medicines, and chemicals; research and investigation in developing special vehicles or variations of standard formulas to meet the needs of individual patients and in developing **original** techniques of compounding and making available for use new investigational drug. Work also includes advising on drug therapy and usage; or performing administrative, consultative, or staff advisory work concerning the administration of a pharmacy program for hospital, clinic, or other medical care facility. Some positions involve the evaluation of drug proposals submitted by private industry and the surveillance of marketed drugs for safety and efficacy.

**Education and Licensure** Basic requirements for Pharmacists in the DoD are to have a four-year bachelor's degree in pharmacy recognized by Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). Except for research positions that do not entail patient care, all applicants must hold a current, active, unrestricted license to practice pharmacy in a State, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia.

Medical Requirements: Must be able to distinguish basic colors.

**Salary and Benefits** DoD healthcare opportunities feature competitive starting salaries, and may include a higher special salary rate in certain locations. The benefits package includes comprehensive health and life insurance, transit subsidy, professional development and training opportunities and flexible hours designed to provide the ability to achieve and maintain a balanced lifestyle.

To find information about current job openings for pharmacists in the Department of Defense go to [USAJOBS.gov](http://USAJOBS.gov) and the [ARMY](#), [AIR FORCE](#), [NAVY](#) websites.

**Sources:** [U.S. Office of Personnel Management](#)

**Sources:** [Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education](#)