

Vacancy

You may have seen in the Northern Scot that we are recruiting a new team member:



Aberlour
PHARMACY

Trainee Pharmacy Technician

We are looking for a new colleague to join our team. We had a staff meeting (Millie the dog really didn't contribute much, may need to review her biscuit allowance) and decided that this is what we needed:

Someone who isn't afraid of hard work, from cleaning shelves through to pulling out all the stops to help the family of someone who is very ill.

Willing to learn: on the job, distance learning in the evening, courses in Elgin and Aberdeen, etc, to become an MCA then technician then perhaps an ACT.

Telepathic*, to know what to give patients when they ask for their "wee tablety things".

Able to work 40 hours / week, until 6pm Mon – Fri (closed 1pm to 2pm), some Saturdays to cover holidays, etc.

If you feel you may have the skills we need,
pick up an application form from the pharmacy
or give us a ring on 01340 871279.

Learn more about what we do at www.aberlourpharmacy.co.uk

* We may have to be flexible on this point.

Knowing your mouse from your dongle is a key skill for working in a dispensary, so finding and reading the pharmacy website will definitely get you bonus points in an interview – congratulations!

Handy hints about the vacancy:

An MCA is a Medicines Counter Assistant. The pharmacy regulations require that anyone working regularly on a pharmacy counter should either be on the MCA course or have passed it. It is a distance learning course, so will require some reading and filling in answers in your own time, but also some time will be set aside for you to learn with the pharmacist, and read the small print on the medicine boxes. We will use either the Buttercup or NPA training material.

Pharmacy Technicians are registered with the General Pharmaceutical Council, just like pharmacists. See www.pharmacyregulation.org and Wikipedia for more information.

An ACT is an "accredited checking technician". This means they can do the final check for accuracy before a prescription is handed out. Until recently this had to be done by a pharmacist. An ACT cannot check their own work, so another dispenser is required.

Pharmacies in Scotland are delivering many more services than ten years ago. As pharmacists have not yet mastered the art of cloning themselves, or growing extra arms, this has meant that MCAs, technicians and ACTs are taking on more roles. This makes their jobs more interesting, satisfying and challenging.

New services include free smoking cessation support, free minor ailment prescriptions, free emergency contraception, chronic medication service, flu vaccinations, etc.. Many of these services can be completely or partly delivered by non-pharmacists, with the right training and support. This gives the pharmacist time to give support and advice to patients, carers and other health care professionals.

Job Share / Flexible hours

We do need about 40 hours a week working in the pharmacy, but there would be flexibility for the right candidate(s). The job could also be divided between two applicants. The key hours that must be covered are 2pm to 6pm.

Providing pharmaceutical care all year round

Pharmaceutical care is an essential service, we can't just lock the doors if it snows or there is a power cut. If you are invited for an interview you will be asked how you would be able to get to work if we had a winter like the last couple, with severe bad weather. It would be helpful if you could think about your answer before hand!

If the role sounds interesting, please download an **application form** here:

Once completed it can be emailed to karen.braithwaite@nhs.net, or posted / handed in to the pharmacy: Aberlour Pharmacy, 112 High Street, Aberlour, Moray, AB38 9NX