

A stable career with multiple opportunities

Pharmacy is a preferred option for science students as it offers a larger number of job openings

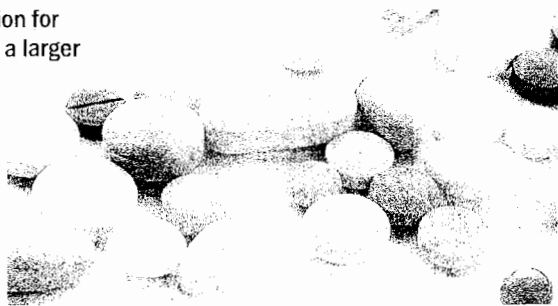
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"A career in pharmacy is an option worth considering for someone interested in a stable job with many opportunities to explore," says Pranav Barot who has done his diploma pharmacy along with a Bachelors degree of science in chemistry and is currently working at a leading pharmacy company as an Area Business associate.

According to him, a pass out from any pharmacy institute doesn't have to fear about hunting too long for a job after completing their education as the number of institutes offering pharmacy as a course are limited and so are the number of pass-outs every year. In comparison to which the number of job openings are plenty.

Pranav says, "Being a field that deals with consumer's requirements on a very direct level the chances of being recession hit or inflation struck are also quite less, making it a very safe profession."

Like many courses, in pharmacy



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too you have the opportunity of taking up either a diploma course or a degree course depending on your choice. Of course, a degree course will weigh more against a diploma.

However, you need to understand that the benefits that a diploma offers are a qualification in a limited timeframe. An additional advantage is that if you are not able to get into the degree course after the diploma, you can still do your graduation in any science related background field, which makes your qualification equivalent to that of a person having done a degree course in pharmacy.

The duration of a diploma in phar-

macy is two years while the eligibility is, a minimum 50% in HSC and the PCB total. After a diploma, you have many options to explore such as getting direct admission in second year of Bachelor of pharmacy or you can complete your graduation in any stream related to it.

When quizzed on the advantages of the diploma Pranav says, "It really helped as you need to have an edge over the others in today's competitive world, and having an additional degree in pharmacy along with your graduation in science adds additive advantage especially in the pharmacy market." After a diploma it is a norm for students to opt for diploma and do their graduation in

pharmacy itself, but unfortunately he was not able to secure admission in the college of his choice and not wanting to let a year waste he opted for Bachelors of Science in Chemistry, as it supports the Basic concept of pharmacy and gives him a qualification on par with a degree holder in pharmacy.

The advantage of the bachelor's degree was that with the diploma you get a license which entitles a person to run a Pharmacy store, but with the bachelor's course has a graduation degree that helped him to get job into a reputed firm. It has also widened his scope as with graduation one can

opt for Pharmacy Management courses, which are very essential in today's market.

After a diploma you can expect a post of pharmacist at reputed pharmacy stores, you can also get into the pharmacy sector at various positions in sales and marketing. A standalone diploma has good enough weight age in the job market and that is the reason it is the only diploma course which requires 10+2 eligibility as the minimum qualification. Various vistas open up after a diploma in pharmacy making it an option definitely worth considering for your future.