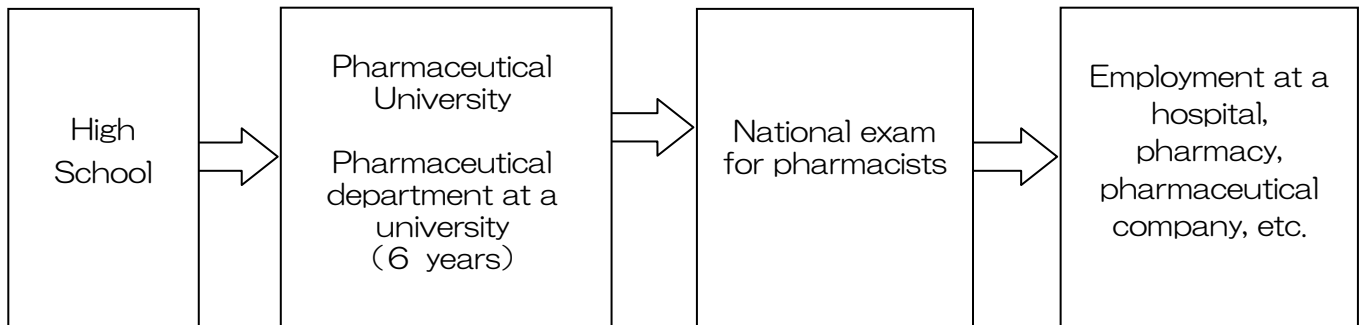




7 Pharmacist

Pharmacists dispense and manage stocks of prescription medication at hospitals and pharmacies. They explain medication to patients in an easy-to-understand manner, and answer questions from patients regarding medication. For some patients, having a pharmacist explain medication in their native language can be very comforting. There are many women working as pharmacists in Japan.

Becoming a pharmacist:



Schools in the prefecture:
Suzuka University of Medical Science

Prepare now:

You will need a high level of Japanese language skill and academic achievement to gain admission to a pharmaceutical university or university with a pharmaceutical department. This will also be necessary for you to pass the national exam for pharmacists. Start improving your Japanese skills early. It is also important for you to study other subjects, including your native language. Math and science are two particularly important subjects to excel in if you want to be a pharmacist.

Job prospects:

Pharmacists work for hospitals, pharmacies, pharmaceutical companies and cosmetics producers. Salary for pharmacists varies by employer, but is about 5 million yen per year on average.

Tuition:

Tuition at a public university with a pharmaceutical department can cost upwards of 4 million yen over 6 years, while tuition at a private university with a pharmaceutical department can cost upwards of 10 million yen over 6 years.