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Pharmacy Technician — A Career for the Present and the Future

Unexpectedly facing a career decision, Shianne Veder elected to return to school and get the training necessary to allow her to change career paths and make her future brighter.

When asked what made her choose to become a Pharmacy Technician, Shianne said, “After researching different occupations there seemed to be a demand for Pharmacy Technicians and the training period was relatively short.”

The choice was a good one because Shianne found a job very quickly after finishing her studies. “Within a month of graduation I was employed. I moved to my present job shortly

after and have been here ever since.”

Shianne’s job responsibilities are an excellent example of the variety of positions available to graduates of a Pharmacy Technician program; “I work with a new medication delivery

system called Pacmed. It is a computerized system that prepacks a week supply of medications for each patient which is then delivered to the institutions we service.”

When asked what her

favourite part of the job was, Shianne responded, “you keep learning as you work. There are always new drugs and therapies to learn about, and if I have any questions the Pharmacists I work

with are always willing to answer and discuss these with me.”

Obviously a big fan of working in an institutional setting, Shianne says that graduates who are fortunate enough to get a job in an institutional setting like her can expect to earn a starting salary in the \$18.00 to \$20.00 per hour range.

Shianne was recognized by Robertson College for her excellent work ethic and dedication as a student. She was elected the Valedictorian of her graduating class. She says that the Robertson College program “gave me the basics that I needed to find a job. It was especially helpful for me to have done one of my practicums in an institutional setting.”

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career as a Pharmacy Technician should contact Robertson College at 943-5661, or visit the website at www.robertsoncollege.com. The next class starts on February 14 and students will graduate and be ready to enter the field by next November.



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