

Working as a pharmacist in the USA

Vocabulary

Ex. 1. Match the words with their definitions.

1. venous	a. the passing of traits or characteristics from parents to their children.
2. influence	b. related to veins, which are the blood vessels that carry blood back to the heart.
3. birth	c. the process of being born or coming into existence.
4. heredity	d. a chemical element that is found in all living things and is essential for life.
5. muscular	e. one of the curved bones that form the protective cage around your chest.
6. nervous system	f. relating to muscles, which are the tissues in the body that help you move.
7. epidermis	g. the network of nerves and cells that transmit signals between different parts of the body.
8. rib	h. the outer layer of skin that protects the body from the environment.
9. carbon	i. a chamber in the heart that receives blood coming from the body or lungs.
10. atrium	j. the power to affect how someone thinks or behaves.

Ex. 2. Complete the sentences with the given words.

Perspiration, lung, tissue, nourishment, fluid, circulator, prey, valve, Backflow, mammal

_____ (1) can occur in the heart if the valve does not close properly.

The doctor explained that _____(2) can become damaged due to an injury or illness.

A dolphin is a _____(3) that lives in the ocean and breathes air. _____(4) helps cool down the body when it gets too hot during exercise.

The _____(5) is an important organ that allows us to breathe and get oxygen.

Good _____(6) is essential for recovery after surgery and improving health.

Drinking enough _____(7) every day is crucial for staying hydrated and healthy.

The _____(8) in the heart ensures blood flows in the right direction without leaking.

Many animals hunt their _____(9) to survive, demonstrating the balance in nature.

A _____(10) is an important tool used to promote proper blood flow in patients.

Reading

Ex. 1. Read the text.

Working as a pharmacist in the USA involves several important responsibilities. Pharmacists are healthcare professionals who specialize in the safe and effective use of medications. They work in various settings, including retail pharmacies, hospitals, and clinics. Their primary job is to dispense prescription medications to patients following doctor's orders.

Pharmacists also provide valuable advice about drug interactions, side effects, and dosage instructions. They ensure that patients understand how to take their medications properly and safely. In addition, pharmacists often conduct health screenings and provide immunizations.

To become a pharmacist in the USA, one needs to complete a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program, which typically takes four years to finish after undergraduate studies. After earning the degree, pharmacists must pass the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and, in some states, a state-specific law exam.

Working as a pharmacist requires excellent communication skills, attention to detail, and a passion for helping others. It is a rewarding career that plays a crucial role in the healthcare system, ensuring that patients receive the best possible care when it comes to their medications.

Ex. 2. Answer the questions.

1. What are the primary responsibilities of pharmacists in the USA?
2. In what settings do pharmacists typically work?
3. What kind of advice do pharmacists provide to patients regarding medications?
4. What educational requirements are needed to become a pharmacist in the USA?
5. What exams must pharmacists pass in order to practice in the USA?
6. What skills are essential for someone working as a pharmacist?
7. How does working as a pharmacist contribute to the healthcare system in the USA?

Communication

Ex. 1. Make sentences using the following words.

1. muscles/help/move
2. regular/exercise/strengthens
3. muscles/contract/relax
4. important/stretch/engaging
5. biceps/triceps/arm
6. proper/nutrition/essential
7. weightlifting/build/strength
8. muscles/work/support
9. cardiovascular/exercise/benefits
10. rest/recovery/crucial