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**Applications are invited from UKZN postgraduate students. Preference will be given to students registered in the Department of Pharmacy Practice**

**SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

**DISCIPLINE OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES**

**2 X GRADUATE ASSISTANT – PHARMACY PRACTICE PHRM463 (APPLIED PHARMACEUTICAL CARE) - (FIXED TERM APPOINTMENT)**

**Semester One – February – June 2026**

**Minimum Requirements:**

- B. Pharm degree with a background in a related field (Anatomy physiology, basics of health, pharmaceutical care processes and in retail or institutional pharmacy).
- Must be enrolled for the current academic year (2026).
- Competence in pharmaceutical calculations, compounding, dispensing, and patient counselling.
- Familiarity with relevant Pharmacy SOPs, GPP, and related regulations.

Advantages: -

- Experience in the retail sector (Unisolv/ RxSolution/ LEAP), preferably as a pharmacist.  
Experience in patient counselling or clinical practice will be an advantage.

**Key responsibilities:**

**1. Laboratory Preparation and Setup**

- Prepare the Clinical Skills Laboratory prior to each practical session in accordance with the PHRM463 Practical Manual.
- Set up materials, equipment, pharmaceutical products, and documentation required for:
  - Antibiotic reconstitution
  - Cream mixture compounding
  - Tablet count calculations
  - Contraceptive counselling simulations
  - Drug-related problem case studies
  - Pharmacovigilance and ADR reporting
  - Dispensing and labelling using dispensing software
  - Ensure all consumables, dummy products, and equipment are available, functional, and correctly labelled.

**2. Practical Session Support**

- Assist academic staff during practical sessions by:
  - Supervising students during simulated dispensing, compounding, and counselling activities.

- Guiding students on correct laboratory techniques and SOP adherence.
- Monitoring safe handling of pharmaceutical products and equipment.
- Support role-play simulations for patient counselling, reproductive health discussions, and consent processes.
- Provide real-time technical assistance with dispensing software during practical's.

### **3. Assessment and Documentation Support**

- Assist with the administration and logistics of short formal assessments conducted at the end of each practical session.
- Verify completion of:
  - Pre-practical submissions
  - Attendance registers
  - Post-practical reflections aligned to the SAPC CPD cycle
  - Support academic staff with the collection, organisation, and secure storage of student documentation.

### **4. Laboratory Etiquette, Safety and Compliance**

- Enforce Clinical Skills Laboratory etiquette, including:
  - Professional dress code compliance
  - Hygiene and safety SOPs
  - Confidentiality during simulated patient cases
  - Ensure workstations are cleaned, equipment is returned, and the laboratory is left in an orderly state after each session.
  - Report any incidents, equipment damage, or safety concerns to the Module Coordinator promptly.

### **5. Administrative and Operational Support**

- Assist with scheduling logistics across multi-day practical sessions.
- Maintain inventory records for laboratory consumables and request replenishment when necessary.
- Provide feedback to academic staff on operational challenges, student preparedness, and laboratory workflow issues.

Enquiries and details regarding this post, may be directed to Mrs S Reddy, Discipline of Pharmaceutical Sciences on 031-2608358 or email: [jugdeows@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:jugdeows@ukzn.ac.za)

**The closing date for receipt of applications is 13 February 2026.**

**Applicants are required to submit a motivation letter and CV, clearly indicating how they meet the minimum requirements, to [jugdeows@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:jugdeows@ukzn.ac.za)**