

The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) is committed to Employment Equity.

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

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