

Areas of Employment Performance of Pharmacists after Graduation [†]

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Abstract: Pharmacists' education develops amid constant changes, and being prepared for professional practice in various settings, in continuous development, is a challenge. The Faculties of Pharmacy have the challenge of preparing students to face these dynamic and multidimensional forces. The areas of action of pharmacists were identified with a population-based, descriptive, and cross-sectional study between July and November of 2018 at the Faculty of Chemical Sciences of the National University of Asunción. Data were obtained through a questionnaire prepared by the researchers and informed consent sent to graduates of the career from 2003 to 2017. The data were analyzed with Epi Info 3.5.4. Of 225 surveys sent, we obtained a 48.8% response, 90.9% work practicing the profession, up to 3 jobs. 9.1% work in a different field, do not find a job or continue with other studies. We verify a marked trend of incursion into industrial areas and low care incursion, concluding that not all fields of action are covered, possibly due to a lack of policies that include the pharmacist in a comprehensive health team or a lack of regulations that require industries to have pharmacists in key positions.

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