

1. What is the basic difference between PharmD and PG (post baccalaureate) course?

PG is specialization in a particular field such as Pharmaceutics, Quality Assurance and Pharmaceutical Chemistry. In Pharm.D there is no specific area of specialization. It is based on a clinical aspect (related to trials and experiments)

2. What would be job prospects for Pharm.D graduates in India? What kind of jobs should they expect?

A Pharm.D graduate could find jobs mostly related to the clinical force of India. With gradual amendments being made in the health care industry, the Pharm.D graduate could play an active role in heading the Hospital Pharmacy Setting (Hospital Setting/ Hospital Pharmacy)

Also with a large number of Pharmaceutical companies opting for clinical trials the industry is heading towards a business worth 1.4 billion by way of clinical trials.

As the Ayurvedic doctors conduct clinical trials so also the Pharm.D program concentrates on giving these graduates an opportunity to conduct clinical trials and clinical studies. Meanwhile, a Pharm D. graduate could work at industries that deal with clinical trials related to product line & product pipeline.

3. As you know, the current pharmacy graduates (B-Pharm/M-pharm) who passed out after 2003 are not eligible to write FPGEE in USA. Are these PharmD graduates eligible to write FPGEE in USA?

It could not be said right now as it is usually on the basis of a case by case evaluation. There are NABP and other agencies which are dealing with aspects of foreign education. However, we do not believe in producing pharmacists for the overseas market but in updating the quality of our pharmacists here. We are trying to create an educational board such that it receives international approval.

4. Right now, role of pharmacists in pharmaceutical care is almost zero in India... Is there any foundation being laid down to make pharmacists a part of the health care systems in India? What efforts are going on towards that?

Earlier since there were not many health care services the pharmacists did not play a significant role. Pharmacists have mostly been involved in the industrial aspect of health care. But now with the introduction of Pharm.D we expect more clinical trials taking place & a forthcoming change that will strengthen the role of the Pharmacist in the Health Care system very soon.

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