



*We rely on pharmacists to give us safe medications when we need them: the right drug in the right amount (dosage) for the right length of time. They have to know how different drugs – both prescription and over-the-counter – interact, and how particular drugs affect various health issues. That’s a lot to know! How much do YOU know about what pharmacists do?*

### TRUE OR FALSE?

- (1) \_\_\_ You must earn an advanced degree in Pharmacy and pass a series of exams to be a licensed pharmacist.
- (2) \_\_\_ Pharmacists only provide information about drugs prescribed by doctors and other healthcare professionals.
- (3) \_\_\_ Pharmacists have to take continuing education courses throughout their careers to maintain their licenses.
- (4) \_\_\_ Pharmacy assistants and pharmacy technicians help pharmacists get their work done.
- (5) \_\_\_ You need an advanced degree to be a pharmacy assistant or pharmacy technician.
- (6) \_\_\_ Pharmaceutical (drug) companies typically make drugs and that's it!
  
- (7) Looking for a pharmacist? You will likely find one working at a/an:
  - (a) \_\_\_ Retail pharmacy (CVS, Walgreens, ShopRite)
  - (b) \_\_\_ Hospital or long-term medical care facility
  - (c) \_\_\_ Elementary or middle school
  - (d) \_\_\_ Insurance company
  - (e) \_\_\_ Pharmaceutical company
  
- (8) Pharmacists have a variety of responsibilities, depending on their role and where they work. They may:
  - (a) \_\_\_ Advise patients and health care professionals about drug uses, dosages, and interactions with other drugs.
  - (b) \_\_\_ Fill prescriptions written by a doctor.
  - (c) \_\_\_ Track and analyze the side effects of drugs and other products.

### BONUS QUESTION!

True or False? The drug company that created a popular product that makes your eyelashes longer didn't actually have longer lashes in mind when they developed the medication.

**Bonus Answer:** TRUE! The drug company that created LATISSE, a product that makes your eyelashes longer, was testing the same drug, called LUMIGAN, to treat an eye disease called glaucoma. Longer lashes was an unintended side effect of using the drug.