

# Gandhi Samaj of Chicago

## Youth Career Planning Seminar

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# Educational Background

- ▶ Undergraduate School
  - 2 years: Pre-Pharmacy classes or
  - 4 years: Bachelor degree
- ▶ PCAT – Pharmacy College Admission Test
- ▶ Graduate: Pharmacy School
  - 3 years: Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (BS Pharmacy)
  - 4 years: Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
- ▶ Continuous Pharmacy Programs
  - 6 year programs

# Profession Settings

- ▶ Pharmacy is practiced in a wide range of settings:
  - Community pharmacies,
  - Hospitals,
  - Long term care facilities,
  - Pharmaceutical industry,
  - Mail order service,
  - Managed care (insurance),
  - Government (Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, Indian Health Service, Public Health Service),
  - Consulting, and
  - Academic

# Career Outlook

## Job Outlook

Employment of pharmacists is projected to grow 3 percent from 2014 to 2024, slower than the average for all occupations. Increased demand for prescription medications will lead to more demand for pharmaceutical services. Employment of pharmacists in traditional pharmacies is projected to decline slightly.

- ▶ IL: 6 pharmacy schools
  - University of Illinois
  - Midwestern University
  - Rosalind University
  - Roosevelt University
  - Chicago State University
  - Southern Illinois University
  
- ▶ Tuition range: \$25k to \$48k
- ▶ Profession is transforming

# Job Description

- ▶ Manage Care Setting
  - Blue Cross Blue Shield
- ▶ Responsibility for the pharmacy program of the Medicare and Medicaid plans
  - Formulary design
  - Benefit design
  - Clinical programs
  - Operations

# Professional Associations

- ▶ APhA: American Pharmacists Association
  - [www.pharmacist.com](http://www.pharmacist.com)
  
- ▶ IPhA: Illinois Pharmacists Association
  - [www.ipha.org](http://www.ipha.org)

# Questions?

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