

Pharmacy Technician Internship

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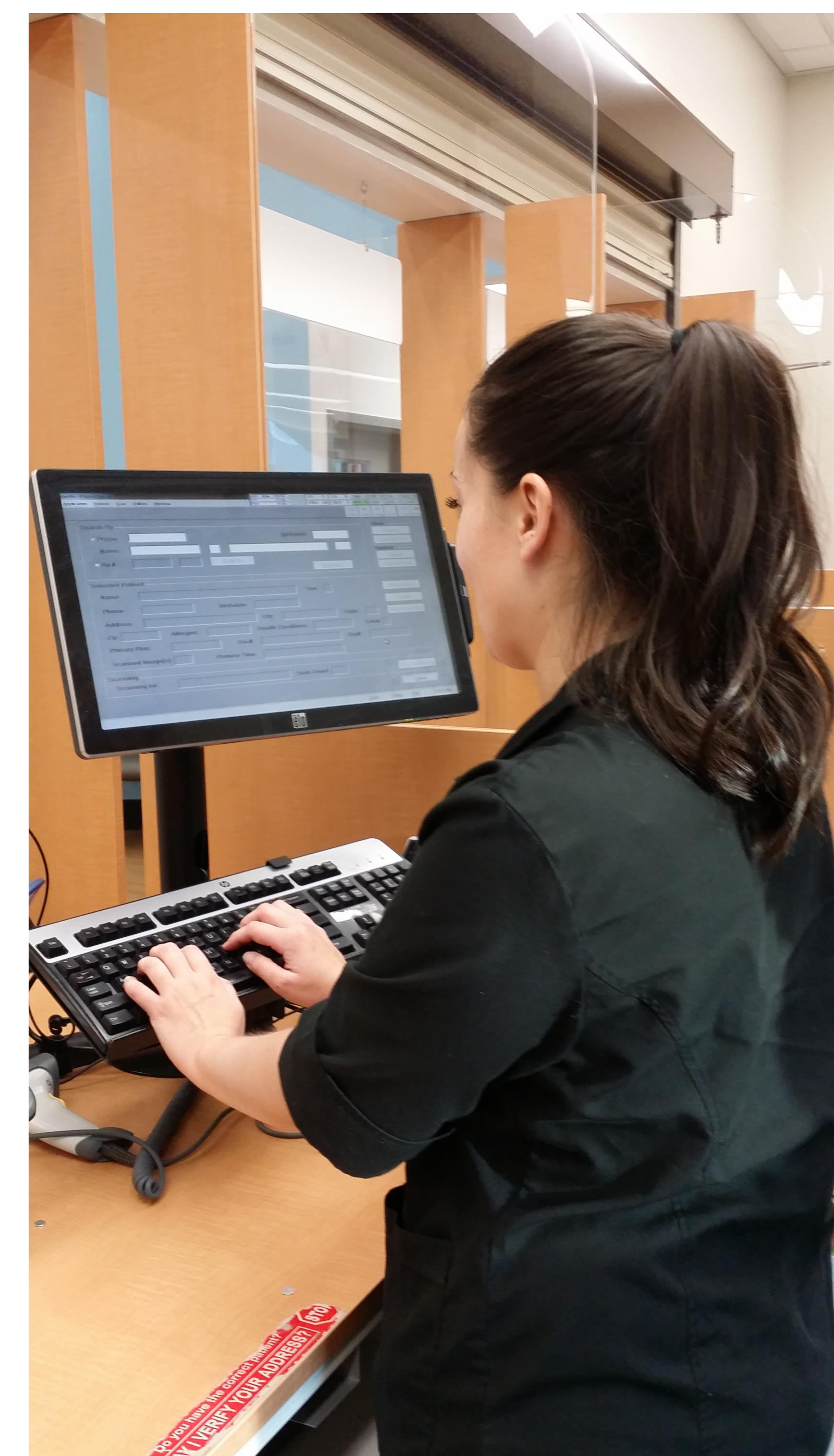


Sara Roberts, the Pharmacy Manager of Walgreens, allowed me to complete my internship in the pharmacy there. Here, I worked as a pharmacy technician and got a deeper look into what a future in healthcare looks like. Because I had already received my pharmacy technician license, no further training was required for me to complete the tasks expected of me as a technician.

I had a great time not only interacting with my coworkers, but continually meeting many new faces. The positive, friendly environment of the pharmacy, the delight felt by helping patients and the smiles it brought to their faces only reassured me of my decision to work in healthcare.

Pharmacy Technician Duties:

- Receiving prescriptions from patients
- Typing up the prescription received via patients, calls, and faxes
- Matching drugs to prescriptions and labeling of bottles
- Selling of prescriptions to patients
- Taking and inputting insurance information
- Calling and working with insurance companies to deal with arising problems
- Taking inventory and ordering medications
- Refilling prescriptions and faxing doctors when refills run out



The most interesting part of the experience was learning about how different medications affect different parts of the body. A few classes of medications I had the pleasure of researching and learning about were those used to treat:

- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Cholesterol

My favorite part of the internship was learning about all of the over-the-counter options available to patients. Although no one is allowed to consult the patient on which medications to take pertaining to specific diseases/illnesses except the pharmacist, learning about which products best suit certain symptoms was very intriguing.

