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# The Profession of Pharmacy

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**P**HARMACY in Oklahoma is rapidly climbing to a higher and more useful plane. The University curriculum is so planned that the graduate pharmacist is equipped for more than just filling prescriptions. Twelve credit hours are devoted to business and business law, directly applicable to the retail business. This department is so efficient that the chain-store operators have been calling for our graduates faster than we can supply them. Twenty hours of chemistry in the department of chemistry are required, plus fifteen hours of applied chemistry in the school of pharmacy. This chemical preparation prepares them for practically any kind of chemical work, many of our graduates holding very responsible positions in manufacturing establishments because of this.

Botany, bacteriology, pharmacology, and applied bacteriology equip the graduate for service in practically any sanitary organization or health unit. Practically everyone who has cared to, from this year's class, is filling the prescriptions and doing the technical work for the local doctor. This service alone makes it possible for the old-time family doctor to keep his patients at home in the local community and still give them the professional technician's work; thus aiding him to diagnose

and promote more efficient medical service in the smaller communities of Oklahoma.

We have had more calls for graduate pharmacists this year than we have graduates to fill. It is our duty to serve the state of Oklahoma by placing well-trained men in every community, but to do this we must consider the following facts.

There are 2,300 registered pharmacists in Oklahoma. Should each registered man stay in the drug business forty years, it would be necessary for the school to graduate sixty-two each year just to keep the supply even. To do this we would need a freshman class of over one hundred students and a yearly enrolment of three hundred fifty. As it is, we have one hundred thirty-one students and this year graduated but twenty-two. Thus you see the future should be good for students who desire to take up pharmacy as a profession.

D. B. R. Johnson, '18M.A., veteran dean of the school of pharmacy, has had little difficulty placing his graduates in work. Always, the demand for graduate pharmacists has been greater than the supply.

