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Graduated U. of U. 2011

Has worked at Target 7 ½ years. Never was a Pharm Tech.

### **Getting into Pharm School**

Lots of volunteer work. Leadership is important. Consider why you want to be a pharmacist. Applied to 7 schools, had 6 interviews - U., Colorado, Roseman, Creighton, midwestern, - Boise only one to turn her down. She does not have a bachelor's degree - only an associate.

Organic and Anatomy classes helped prepare. Did not take Biochem beforehand, but would have helped. Use Calculus in pharmico kinetics. Develop good study habits. Thought Weber was tougher than the U.. Difficult getting in.

### **Interview**

lots of situational questions. What qualities you want to be known.

The U. is big into research. State has \$2 million surplus - what would you spend the money on.? Why do you want to want to go into retail rather than a hospital. Why this particular school? Need to be a people person. Grades are important but need to have personality. Don't go into it just for the money. Retail - can build long term relationship.

The U. pushes internships. Retail does not require residencies. Can specialize. Cost about \$150 to apply to the U..

Teach you to tear studies apart and decide on validity. Look for biases. 3rd year go into therapeutics. Difficult - lots of info and every system is a different instructor. Teaches an OTC (over-the-counter) class. Know how to adjust explanation to needs of patient. 4th year serve as aids and also do rotations (poison control) and get 1 block off. Kinetics is a tough class.

Lots of different types of pharmacy jobs. Rotations give you a variety of experiences. Stay opened minded.

Was accepted to Roseman and then to the U. later.

### **Target**

Start out as a float pharmacists. Work at several different stores and at different times. They try to keep you off of weekends. No main responsibilities as a float. Get paid to drive. Floated about 6 months. Kind of difficult when on own. Staff pharm in Centerfield, but then transferred to Riverdale. Applying for the manager position at Target. Difficult interview from

Target. Fill 200-300 prescriptions / day. Also have to deal with insurance and coaching (discipline). Deal with difficult customers. Store manager doesn't have anything to do with pharmacy. Lots of internal training. 5 or 6 trainings / month. Make sure everyone is properly licensed. Check on drug recalls. Manager meetings, audits. Lots of records kept for a year. Yearly evaluations. Can get bonus and raise. Typing up reviews. Don't need to know everything, but need to know where to look for information.

Any chance to do MTM (Medication Therapy Management) is awesome. Musinex is terrible- Doesn't work. Can catch mistakes that doctor has made.