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Ground-breaking new programmes mean Welsh trainee pharmacy technicians will have the opportunity to train across three pharmacy settings – hospital, community pharmacy and primary care – for the first time.

Health Education and Improvement Wales' (HEIW) two-year modern apprenticeship Pre-Registration Pharmacy Technician Training Programme, currently being piloted at Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB), equips students with multisector experience leading to professional registration with the General Pharmaceutical Council.



Each week trainees spend two days training in a hospital, two days in a community pharmacy along with one study day. In their second-year students also complete a six-week primary care placement.

The new cohort of pre-registration pharmacy technicians at ABUHB, with their line manager Linda Jones, Senior Pharmacy Technician.



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**The programme has received a great response so far...**

Chris Burrige, a former accountant said: "working in the hospital, in the community and in primary care, we're going to see different things, develop three different skillsets and have a well-rounded experience. This will put us in good stead for when we finish training and want to apply for permanent positions."

**For more information on the programme visit [HEIW Pharmacy](#)**