

Star Army Pharmacist

A career occupation in the Star Army of Yamatai, the Pharmacist falls under the teal panels of Star Army Medical, though their training also incorporates elements of science, primarily from the fields of biology (including xenobiology, microbiology, and astrobiology) and chemistry. Accordingly, Pharmacists work in both [scientific](#) and [medical labs](#), where they are tasked with handling prescriptions, maintaining stocks of drugs, administering vaccines and immunizations, verifying dosages to ensure that a medication will not cause adverse reactions in a patient, synthesizing medicine, and yet more duties pertaining to the storage, preparation, and dispensation of drugs. As such, Pharmacists may work alongside [counselors](#), [medical specialists](#), and [science officers](#) as needed to carry out their duties, ultimately ensuring that any medicines, treatments, or drugs delivered to a patient are safe and effective.

The MOS code for the Pharmacist Occupation is 08P.



History

Having previously existed as an unofficial, informal sub-specialty of Star Army Medical, the Pharmacist occupation was formally recognized by [SAMA](#) in order to facilitate the training of more Pharmacists and to improve the treatment of alien personnel in the Star Army. In essence, Pharmacists have existed in the Star Army since its conception, but were only given their own designation [YE 44](#).

In YE 45.8 the Star Army phased this occupation out in an effort to streamline its list of occupations¹⁾.

Eligibility

Pharmacy Specialists are enlisted-level pharmacy personnel. They undergo a certificate program which takes a two years for unenhanced students to complete, with accelerated tracks available for Nekovalkyrja, Minkans, and others who possess a digital mind or have a functional equivalent.

In order to practice as an officer-level Pharmacist in the Star Army, soldiers must hold a professional doctorate in pharmacy. These are typically earned by taking a pharmacy doctorate program from [Star Army Academy](#), but may also be earned from civilian universities. This program typically takes four years to complete for unenhanced students, with accelerated tracks available for Nekovalkyrja, Minkan, and others who possess with a digital mind or have a functional equivalent. Accelerated tracks are also available for students who previously worked as Pharmacy Specialists or the civilian equivalent, for both digital and non-digital mind-enhanced students.

Ranks

The minimum rank for Pharmacy Specialists is [Santô Hei](#) and the maximum rank is [Jôtô Heisho](#). The minimum rank for Pharmacists is [Shoi](#) and the maximum rank is [Taisa](#).

Playing

Pharmacists shine when played collaboratively, working alongside science officers, medical specialists, and counselors to solve problems. They are typically found working in science and medical laboratories, utilizing their scientific, pharmaceutical, medical training to synthesize new drugs and alter existing ones. However, Pharmacists also fulfill a number of more mundane responsibilities, such as tracking inventory, packaging and labeling drugs, refilling prescriptions, reviewing records, and yet more. When consulting with patients, they may give instructions on how to take or administer prescriptions and will check to ensure that prescribed drugs and treatments are safe.

Pharmacists work extensively with [Hemosynthetics](#) and are the go-to specialists for adjusting formulations to better fit the biology of non-Nekovalkyrja species or patients, including for those that hemosynth would otherwise have adverse effects.

Skills

In addition to the [Star Army Common Skills](#), Pharmacists have a common set of skills pertaining to their occupation:

- A working and theoretical knowledge of hemosynthetics
- Extensive knowledge of various [drugs](#) and medicines
 - Knowledge of proper storage and handling of various medications and drugs
 - Knowledge of side effects and drug interaction with various alien biological systems
 - Verifying patient risk factors
 - Knowledge of drug mechanisms and interactions
 - Ability to prepare medications, drugs, and treatment

- Laboratory competency
- Advanced mathematical proficiency
- Familiarity with the biology of common and rare species serving in the Star Army of Yamatai.
- Execute dosage calculations
- Ability to administer vaccines and immunizations
- Medical record-keeping and administration
- Proficiency in patient education

Player Expectations

Pharmacist players may be expected to keep track of a plotship's drug inventories, in addition to filing requests with [cargo and supply specialists](#) whenever stocks run low. However, it is perfectly fine for these duties to be handled off-screen, within reason.

List of Characters

These are the characters currently listed as Star Army Pharmacists or Pharmacy Specialists.

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