

Letter to the Editor



Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Increasing Concern for Unemployed Pharmacy Graduates

I was recently invited to be a guest speaker in a career exhibition for grade 12 students. The attendees consisted of students, teachers, and parents. This was targeted at empowering rural students with knowledge of science careers, and I was instructed to do my best to market the pharmacy profession. After my talk, I was flabbergasted by the lack of interest from the audience. One of the audience members commented that we should not encourage students to do pharmacy, as they have pharmacy graduates in his community who are sitting home without jobs. This then raises concerns about our noble profession. Is the pharmacy profession saturated? What can we do to make sure that the hundreds of students enrolled in our pharmacy schools have internships when they leave university? Do we perhaps need to review their entire pharmacy internship programme? What happens after community service?

Kind Regards

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