



Working at Walgreens

In 1901 Charles Walgreen, Sr. opened his first drugstore on a Chicago corner. Within 12 years, a dozen stores were in operation, with lunch counters, soda fountains and stocking company made products so that Walgreen could control quality and price. The company continued to expand in the 20's and 30's, doing well during prohibition in part by selling bootleg liquor under the counter. Today Walgreens operates in all 50 states, with 7500 stores and revenues of over \$60 billion per year.

Walgreens continues to be a leading pharmacy and its business model calls for all stores to be located on busy intersections, allowing for services like drive through pharmacy windows. The company is also test marketing curbside pickup for orders placed online in two stores.

Over the last couple of years, the pharmacy has settled a few lawsuits brought against it. In 2008 Walgreens settled a case alleging that it was overcharging Medicaid by altering the dosage on three commonly prescribed medications without doctor approval. Under the terms of the settlement, in which Walgreens did not admit liability, the company paid out \$35 million. In 2009 a class action suit claiming that Walgreens was making false statements regarding Walborn - its generic version of the popular supplement Airborne - was settled. Under the terms of the settlement anyone claiming to have purchased Walborn (or Walborne as it was originally labeled) could receive a \$15 refund or a free flu shot. The company also pulled the product and no longer makes or sells it.

Walgreens offers five primary career paths: Retail, health practitioners, pharmacy, distribution and corporate. Today on Hound there are 225 open positions listed for Walgreens, from pharmacy manager to senior director for federal government relations. Hound never charges companies to **post job listings**, which means that we routinely have more listings per company than other job sites. Websites like Monster.com charge stiff fees for each listing and as a result there are only 107 Walgreens positions listed there.