

PHARMACY TECHNOLOGY

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The mission of the Pharmacy Technology Program is to train students for employment in retail and wholesale pharmacies, and home health care and long-term care facilities. They will perform as pharmacy technicians or assistants under the direct supervision of the pharmacist.

Students will learn to become skilled in medications, prescription preparation, reconstitution and IV preparation. They will also learn to establish and maintain patient profiles, packaging and equipment and to perform administrative, communication, and inventory control duties. Clinical training is provided in all work environments.

Upon completion of training, students will be prepared to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Examinations (PTCE).

Pharmacy Technology is offered at the Main Campus.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The job outlook for pharmacy technicians is superb. At present, the job is being redefined, moving away from lay clerical status to paraprofessional status involving education to the Associate degree level, and in many cases, professional registration and certification. The estimated number of technicians is expected to grow significantly. Wages are also expected to increase. Hospitals and chain store pharmacies tend to have excellent benefit packages, including medical and dental plans, retirement plans, etc.

UNITS OF INSTRUCTION

- I. Introduction to Pharmacy Practice
- II. Pharmacy Calculations
- III. Medical Terminology
- IV. Pharmacy Math
- V. Anatomy and Physiology
- VI. Pharmacy Law, Ethics, HIPAA
- VII. Pharmacy Practice
- VIII. Computer Science
- IX. Pharmacology I
- X. Pharmacology II
- XI. Physical Pharmacy
- XII. Sterile Products
- XIII. Safety and First Aid
- XIV. Pharmacology III
- XV. Communication Skills
- XVI. Employability Skills
- XVII. Clinical Practice and Hospital Practice

PROGRAM LENGTH

3 Trimesters - 1296 Clock Hours

DIPLOMA LEVEL

Pharmacy Technician Diploma

SPECIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to regular admission requirements, applicant must:

1. Take the NET Test (Nursing Entrance Test)
2. Furnish the school with two (2) work references or character references. (Relatives are not considered acceptable references.)
3. Submit the following required documents within the designated time frame:
 - * High school and /or college transcript
 - * Two letters of reference
 - * Evidence of a recent physical examination by a licensed physician or nurse practitioner
 - * Writing sample
 - * Resume of work history

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists