

## Why Pharmacy Technician?

- Pharmacy technicians assist registered pharmacists in fulfilling their most important role, that of providing customers with medications. By doing so, pharmacy technicians represent indispensable support staff for pharmacists.
- Pharm tech is a growing occupation with projections that close to 106,000 more pharm tech jobs will be available in the U.S. by 2022.



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## Program Overview

The Pharmacy Technician Certificate program teaches the necessary skills required to become a successful Pharmacy Technician. Class topics include:

- Pharmacy law and ethics
- Pharmaceutical calculations
- Prescription interpretation and processing
- Third-party insurance billing
- Brand and generic drug names
- Drug classes
- Indications for use and pharmacology

Students will be introduced to a variety of pharmacy workplace environments and taught the skills that will enable them to compete for jobs in professional areas such as community pharmacies (chain and independent); hospital and long term care facilities; and compounding pharmacies.

Classes are taught by licensed pharmacy professionals with years of knowledge and experience to provide students with the tools needed to enjoy a career working in this highly-respected, ever-changing profession.

Hands-on training will be included as part of the coursework, and the pharmacy practicum will provide students with opportunities to learn and practice many of the duties they will be expected to perform.

## Completion Options

The Pharmacy Technician Certification program is 2 semesters [26 credits] beginning in the fall semester and ending with a preceptorship in a pharmacy in the spring semester. After completing the program, students will be prepared to master the National Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) or the Exam for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ExCPT) to become a licensed pharmacy technician.

*See the current catalog for the complete and current certificate requirements. Course availability varies each semester.*

### Certificate of Pharmacy Technician

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## Program Learning Outcomes

In addition to supporting institutional learning outcomes and building upon the foundational general education outcomes, upon completion of this program students will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of the pharmacy technician's role in the medication use process.
- Receive and screen prescriptions for completeness, accuracy, and authenticity.
- Assist pharmacists in preparing, storing, and distributing medications.
- Maintain pharmacy facilities and equipment including automated dispensing equipment.
- Initiate, verify and assist in the adjudication of billing for pharmacy services and goods and collect payment for these services.

## Career Outlook

Careers in the pharmacy field are evolving, the role of the pharmacist is evolving, and the need for qualified pharmacy technicians is growing. Pharmacy technicians are a valued member of any pharmacy team, performing much of the preparation of the prescription products, processing insurance information, and customer services duties.

Being licensed and working as a pharmacy technician can also serve as a tremendous starting point for anyone who might be interested in becoming a licensed pharmacist. Many current pharmacists and pharmacy students started out as pharmacy technicians.

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