

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN, Certificate Program – Noncredit

College and Community Development

A Pharmacy Technician, under the direct supervision of a Registered Pharmacist, assists in the various activities of a pharmacy department not requiring the professional training of a pharmacist. This student may be required to submit Act 33 Child Abuse and /or Act 34 Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background Checks prior to taking national certification exam and/or obtaining employment. The student should consider this factor before enrolling in this program. The complete program is available at the Harrisburg and Lancaster campuses as well as online.

Career Opportunities

This program will prepare individuals for employment as a Pharmacy Technician in a variety of settings, including: hospital pharmacies, retail pharmacies, extended-care facilities, home healthcare agencies, and mail-order pharmacy distributors under the direct supervision of a Registered Pharmacist.

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Understand the compounding and dispensing of pharmaceutical preparations
- Understand the preparation of admixtures
- Participate in quality control processes
- Perform insurance billing
- Maintain drug inventory quality and levels
- Take the national certification examination administered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

This program was academically designed to be completed in 6 months.

Pharmacy Practice	27 hours
Pharmacy Law and Ethics	9 hours
Pharmacy Technician Math	18 hours
Pharmacy Science	18 hours

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR STUDENTS

Students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

Pharmacy Practice
Pharmacy Science
Pharmacy Technician Math
Pharmacy Law and Ethics