

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN, Certificate – (Noncredit)

Healthcare Education - Office of Academic Affairs & Workforce Development
CIP Code: 510805

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 the national certification exam and/or obtaining employment. The student should consider this factor before enrolling in this course. The complete course is available entirely through asynchronous instruction.

Career Opportunities

This course prepares 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
- Maintain drug inventory quality and levels
- Take the national certification examination administered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

This course is academically designed to be completed in approximately six months. Students must successfully complete the 114-hour course in its entirety to receive a certificate of completion by taking the courses in sequence listed below.

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE

Pharmacy Calculations	HCW 059	36 Lecture hours
Pharmacy Practice	HCW 028	30 Lecture hours
Pharmacy Science	HCW 029	18 Lecture hours
Clinical Pharmacy	HCW 060	30 Lecture hours

Optional Pharmacy Prep course: Students may take the optional 12-hour Pharmacy Prep course that will provide an overview and prepare the individual to take the national Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE)