

## PHARMACY TECHNICIAN, Certificate – (Noncredit)

*Office of Workforce Development and Continuing Education/Healthcare Education*  
*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 online.

### *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**

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| 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)