



Certified Pharmacy Technician

Job Description

The effective Pharmacy Technician supports the Pharmacist in all sectors of his or her practice. Delegation of applicable duties to Technicians frees up the Pharmacist to deliver elements of Pharmaceutical care, which is one goal of his or her extensive education and ongoing credentialing. For example, in the retail setting, the demand for pharmacist-patient counseling continues to increase. As this pharmacy delivery model expands, the Technician's responsibilities will continue to grow.

Employment Outlook

Pharmacy Technicians are projected by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to have over a 12% job growth from 2016 to 2026. Opportunities abound in Pharmacy for technicians to work from the retail setting to various institutional operations such as hospitals. Earning potential for a professional working in this area is \$30,920.

Admission Requirements

Students must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED to enroll.

Students participating in this program must:

Have the mobility and strength to walk, bend, stoop and stand for extended periods of time.

Be able to move quickly from place to place.

Be able to perform duties in tight spaces.

Be able to lift and/or carry 40 lbs.



Program Description

The Certified Pharmacy Technician program provides participants with the basic skills and training they will need to succeed as a Pharmacy Technician in the current healthcare delivery system. The course will include lecture, discussion and practical problem-solving exercises designed to give the student the tools needed to work as an effective Certified Pharmacy Technician anywhere in the United States. This course will also offer students an opportunity to become nationally certified by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB).

Topics to be covered include Pharmacy Technician roles in healthcare; operational skills needed to function in the workplace; introduction to pharmacology; various disease states along with the drug regimen involved in each; medication distribution; control measures; quality improvement initiatives; aseptic technique for sterile product production; ethics; legal issues; and pharmaceutical calculations.

The Essential Job Skills & Career Development course is REQUIRED to receive a certificate of completion for the Certified Pharmacy Technician program. See page 38 for the course description.

Please be advised that if you have been convicted of a felony, you may not be eligible for clinical experiences, internships, externships or certifications associated with certain Healthcare Career programs. Those with previous convictions may also find it difficult to secure employment within a healthcare setting.

CRN: 3601/3604 HMED M7064

Dates: September 12- December 19, 2019 (no class 11/28)

Day: Tuesday and Thursday

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: CPA

Room: 210

Fee: \$2,236 (cost includes course, textbooks,U-Pass transportation fee and National PTCB exam)

Optional: Pharmacy Technician Externship

(80 hours)

In this course, you will work with a coordinator to start and complete your externship. Externships can be limited in availability. Once registered, individuals will be placed on a waiting list in order of date of registration. As externships opportunities are identified, individuals must demonstrate core competencies to be placed in the field via an interview process and instructor approval. Students not ready for placement will go back to the top of the list and follow an individual learning plan for areas identified that need to be developed further with the instructor. The interview process will be followed again as the next externship opportunity arises until the individual is deemed ready for externship. Student participation on identification of externships is necessary, as individuals must learn to market their skills for employment.

Students must still meet the interview requirements and have externship site approval for sites identified. **Students must become nationally certified by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) before starting their Pharmacy Technician Externship.**

CRN: 3602/ 3603 HMED M7125

Dates: Work with Coordinator

Time: TBD

Coordinator: Staff

Fee: \$360

College Credits Available

Students who have successfully completed the Pharmacy Technician program and have been certified by the State of Connecticut are eligible to receive 4 college credits through the Connecticut Credit Assessment Program administered by Charter Oak State College. Students should request that a copy of their program transcript be sent to Charter Oak. Credits may be used at Charter Oak State College or transferred to another school by setting up a credit registry with Charter Oak. (Any transfer credit is at the discretion of the receiving institution). <http://www.charteroak.edu/current/programs/creditregistry.cfm>.

Time Commitment

This 3-month program includes 84 hours of classroom and hands-on instruction, a 14-hour Essential Job Skills & Career Development course, and an OPTIONAL 80-hour externship opportunity. Externships can be limited in availability. Once registered, individuals will be placed on a waiting list in order by the date of registration.

Payment Information

Total cost of this program is \$2,769 which includes the Pharmacy Technician course, textbooks, U-Pass Transportation, National PTCE exam, Essential Job Skills course and externship. Payment plans are available for this program. This program is **CT SNAP** and **CT WIOA** approved.

Contact Information

For more information or to register please contact Jessica Poirier at 860.253.3066 or jpoirier@asnuntuck.edu.

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