



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

Opportunities abound in Pharmacy for technicians to work from the retail setting to various institutional operations such as hospitals. Earning potential for a new professional working in this area is \$36,740.

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.
- Have basic computer skills.
- 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.
- Have strong mathematical skills.



Course Prerequisite: Fluency in basic math and algebra is required to complete necessary pharmaceutical calculations.

Program Description

This 14-week comprehensive course prepares students for an entry-level position in a community, hospital or long-term care pharmacy setting. Class time

is divided between 84 synchronous (live) class hours and approximately 50 hours of asynchronous time. This course prepares you to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) national certification exam. Topics include medical terminology specific to pharmacy, reading and interpreting prescriptions, patient and medication safety, pharmacy law and professionalism. A review of the top 100 drugs, including generic and brand name, indication, and significant side effects, is covered. Students learn conversion factors and calculate dosages and IV flow rate and solve compounding problems. This course is a PTCB-recognized education/training program.

This program is taught by a certified pharmacist.

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

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: 1273 HMED M7064

Dates: February 9 to May 16, 2023

Class Orientation January 31 (WebEx meeting 6:00 p.m.)

Days: Tuesday and Thursday

Time: 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Bernadette Ellegard

Instruction type: LRON

Fee: \$2,276 (cost includes course fee, textbooks, and National PTCB exam)

Students should have a computer with a camera to participate in the LRON sessions.

Time Commitment

This 3-month program includes 134 hours of instruction (84 class hours and 50 hours of online assignments) and a 14-hour Essential Job Skills & Career Development course.

Payment Information

Total cost of this program is \$2,449 which includes the Pharmacy Technician course, textbooks, National PTCB exam, and Essential Job Skills course. 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 call 860.253.3028 or email AS-Continuinged@asnuntuck.edu

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