

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Fill prescriptions, collaborate with a licensed pharmacist, and engage with pharmacy customers. Students are prepared for the pharmacy field through participation in off-site clinicals and on-site labs.

prepare medications | clerical pharmacy work | process medical billing | medical inventory | patient interaction

Suggested Abilities

- ▶ 10th grade English reading, writing, speaking, and listening
- ▶ 9th grade understanding of algebra
- ▶ Lift 30 pounds
- ▶ Sustained activity for 5 hours at a time

Prerequisites

- ▶ Must be 18
- ▶ Highschool diploma or GED
- ▶ Must pass a criminal background check & drug screening (includes marijuana)
- ▶ Must comply with State Board of Pharmacy immunization requirements
- ▶ Successfully pass entrance exam or provide acceptable documentation of reading level
- ▶ *High School Students: Meet with counselor for eligibility requirements*

Class Hours

- ▶ Morning: 7:50am - 10:40am, Mon. - Fri.
- ▶ Afternoon: 12:05pm - 2:55pm, Mon. - Fri.

SEMESTER 1

HPR 1011 CPR for Professionals

.5 credits

Meets American Red Cross Professional Rescuer CPR or AHA BLS standards; teaches patient assessment, airway management, rescue breathing, AED use, and CPR for infants, children, and adults.

PHT 1011 Introduction to Pharmacy

3 credits

Introduces pharmacy practice and technician roles, covering career paths, education and certification, legal and ethical responsibilities, pharmacology basics, and professional attitudes and values.

PHT 1020 Medical Insurance Procedures

1 credit

Course introducing pharmacy reimbursement: insurance systems, product/service reimbursement, patient admission/verification, billing procedures, and practical pharmacy operations experience.

PHT 1035 Calculations & Compounding Techniques

4 credits

Teaches pharmacy technician calculations and hands-on compounding of pharmaceutical products, emphasizing accuracy, quality, and infection control across contemporary practice settings.

PHT 1015 Pharmacology I

3 credits

Basic concepts of normal body function as well as the diseases which impact the various body systems and the drugs used to treat such diseases. Emphasizes disease state management and drug therapy.

PHT 1016 Pharmacology II

3 credits

Disease states affecting body systems and their drug treatments, emphasizing disease management and pharmacotherapy; second part of a two-part introduction to basic pharmacology.

SEMESTER 2

PHT 1012 Pharmacy Law and Ethics

2 credits

How drug laws, regulations, and standards shape pharmacy technician practice, teaching students to comply with legal and professional requirements for safe drug preparation and dispensing.

PHT 1041 Community Pharmacy

3 credits

Combines lectures and labs to teach dispensing, compounding, and hands-on practical technical skills through experiential training.

PHT 1071 Pharmacy Clinical: Community

8 credits

Supervised community pharmacy rotation: students perform dispensing, inventory, distribution, claims processing, and patient communication.

PHT 1017 Drug Classification

3 credits

Drug classification, related laws, drug development, pregnancy risk categories, addictive and lethal common drugs, dosage, product selection, and names.

Pharmacy Technician Certificate

1 year

30.5 Credit Hours



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