

Careers in Allied Health Pharmacy Technician

Certificate & Associate of Science Degree • South Campus

Job Potential

Pharmacy technicians help licensed pharmacists provide medication and other health care products to patients. Technicians usually perform routine tasks to help prepare prescribed medication, such as counting tablets and labeling bottles. They also perform administrative duties, such as answering phones, stocking shelves and operating cash registers. Technicians refer any questions regarding prescriptions, drug information or health matters to a pharmacist.

According to the US Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment opportunities for pharmacy technicians will grow much faster than average for all occupations over the next 10 years. The increased number of middle-aged and elderly people—who use more prescription drugs than younger people—will spur demand for technicians throughout the projection period. In addition, as scientific advances bring treatments for an increasing number of conditions, more pharmacy technicians will be needed to fill a growing number of prescriptions.



Affordable Quality Education:

Supportive, personalized instruction by professionals experienced in their fields is one of the many benefits of a CCAC education. Students may select either the certificate or associate degree program.

The Pharmacy Technician (PHT) program has received accreditation from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP).

Inquiries regarding accreditation can be directed to:

ASHP
7272 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814
301.657.3000
www.ashp.org

For additional information about **CCAC's Pharmacy Technician program**, email alliedhealthinfo@ccac.edu or call 412.469.1502/6280

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Pharmacy Technician



Admission to the Program

- Apply to the college
- Complete a separate application to the Pharmacy Technician program
- Admission is limited by the availability of clinical sites and other factors
- Students must meet prerequisite requirements

Prerequisites

- **Certificate program:** no prerequisites
- **Associate in Science degree:** after completing the first three semesters of study, students must take English and math placement tests along with any subsequent English and math courses, depending upon their scores.

Program Costs

- Current college tuition and fees
- Required books and supplies
- Transportation and costs related to clinical sites
- Fees associated with required medical evaluation, criminal background check, child abuse clearances, CPR training, lab and clinical clothing and other clinical site screens
- Some clinical sites may require drug testing as a condition for acceptance

Program Outcomes

Students enrolled in the program will:

- Successfully meet the requirements for a certificate or an Associate of Science degree.
- Be qualified to seek employment as a pharmacy technician.

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

		Credits
First Semester		
ALH140	Medical Terminology	3
BIO103	Introduction to Human Biology	3
CIT100	Introduction to Computers	3
PHT100	Introduction to Pharmacy Practice	4
PHT101	Pharmacology 1 for Pharmacy Technicians	3

Second Semester		
PHT102	Pharmacology 2 for Pharmacy Technicians	3
PHT103	Pharmacy Practice 1	3
PHT104	Pharmacy Product Preparation 1	3
PHT105	Pharmacy Product Preparation 2	3
PHT202	Pharmacy Law	2

Third Semester		
PHT106	Pharmacy Product Preparation 3	2
PHT201	Pharmacy Technician Externship	6
PHT203	Pharmacy Seminar	2

Minimum credits required to graduate 40

ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

		Credits
First Semester		
ALH140	Medical Terminology	3
BIO103	Introduction to Human Biology	3
CIT100	Introduction to Computers	3
PHT100	Introduction to Pharmacy Practice	4
PHT101	Pharmacology 1 for Pharmacy Technicians	3

Second Semester		
PHT102	Pharmacology 2 for Pharmacy Technicians	3
PHT103	Pharmacy Practice 1	3
PHT104	Pharmacy Product Preparation 1	3
PHT105	Pharmacy Product Preparation 2	3
PHT202	Pharmacy Law	2

Third Semester		
PHT106	Pharmacy Product Preparation 3	2
PHT201	Pharmacy Technician Externship	6
PHT203	Pharmacy Seminar	2

Fourth Semester		
CIT140	Office Productivity Application	4
ENG101	English Composition 1	3
HPE	Health & Physical Education	1-2
MAT193	Pharmaceutical Mathematics	3

Fifth Semester		
BUS210	Principles of Retailing	3
ENG102	English Composition 2	3
	Humanities Elective	3
	Social Science	3

Minimum credits required to graduate 63-64

For official program description and requirements, see program details at www.ccac.edu.