

Program Description

Pharmacy Technicians are an integral and critical member of the health care team. They work with Pharmacists in drug preparation, distribution, and management in a variety of health care settings. Duties include drug and sterile product preparation, counting, pouring, and labeling pharmaceutical products for distribution, data entry, inventory control and management, and customer service.

The Pharmacy Technician Program at ACC is a two (2) semester program as a full time student. The program is flexible and can be completed in three (3) semesters as a part time student. The program includes internet courses, hybrid courses (internet and classroom), classroom/laboratory, and clinical internship at community and institutional pharmacies. Upon completion of our program, the student will be prepared to sit for the national Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam.

Career Opportunities

Pharmacy Technicians can work in retail chain pharmacies, hospital pharmacies, nursing homes, mail order pharmacies, and education/training programs. Pharmacy Technicians can specialize in compounding and sterile IV preparation with more specializations developing each year. Career opportunities in the Houston and surrounding areas and nationally remain strong. Pharmacies contact ACC regularly about qualified students to fill job openings. According to Salary.com the median salary for an entry level Pharmacy Technician is \$27,807-\$34,524; intermediate level salary range is \$32,378-\$40,336, and supervisory level salary range is \$42,527-\$54,713.

Options

Certificate

Pharmacy Technician.....27 credit hours

Admission Requirements

- High School Diploma or GED (high school students are eligible to enter the program at age 16 but are not able to sit for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam until they receive their high school diploma)
- Completed Program Application with interview and references
- Criminal Background Check (the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board does not allow anyone to take the National Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam if they have been convicted of a felony within the last five (5) years and/or if any convictions are drug or pharmacy related)
- Register as a Pharmacy Technician in Training prior to internship
- Immunization certification prior to internship

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Pharmacy Technician

Certificate - Full Time

First Semester	credits
Introduction to Pharmacy	3
Pharmacy Terminology	3
Pharmaceutical Mathematics I	3
Drug Classification	2
Community Pharmacy Practice	3
Second Semester	credits
Institutional Pharmacy Practice	3
Pharmacy Drug Therapy and Treatment	4
IV Admixture and Sterile Compounding	4
Practicum: Pharmacy Technician Assistant	2
Pharmacy Technician Certificate – credit hours	27

Pharmacy Technician

Certificate - Part Time

First Semester	credits
Introduction to Pharmacy	3
Pharmacy Terminology	3
Pharmaceutical Mathematics I	3
Second Semester	credits
Drug Classification	2
Community Pharmacy Practice	3
Institutional Pharmacy Practice	3
Third Semester	credits
Pharmacy Drug Therapy and Treatment	4
IV Admixture and Sterile Compounding	4
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