

Pharmacy Technician

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 can be completed as a full time student in two semesters or as a part time student in three semesters. The program includes internet courses, hybrid courses (internet and 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 www.onetonline.org the average salary for a Pharmacy Technician in Texas is \$28,900.



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Options

Pharmacy Technician Certificate

Pharmacy Technician.....27 credit hours
(1 year)

Pharmacy 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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