

ACC Dual Credit Pharmacy Technician Certificate



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Pharmacy Technician Dual Credit Program

Program Description:

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

Alvin Community College (ACC) offers a dual credit pharmacy technician program for high school students. Students may begin classes their junior year and will take 1-2 classes per semester. All classes are taken at the high school except Compounding, Sterile Preparations and Aseptic Techniques and a Clinical Rotation program. These classes can be completed during the summer following high school graduation. This program prepares the student to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam. Students must receive a high school diploma or GED by the time of testing for the Pharmacy Technician Certification. They will also receive certification from the National Pharmacy Technician Association in Compounding and Sterile IV preparation which is required for working in hospital pharmacies. This program provides the student with a level one certification through Alvin Community College and can be counted towards an Associates of Applied Science Degree if the student wishes to continue their education with ACC.

Admission Requirements:

- Not currently on suspension or academic probation.
- No felonies or drug related charges. A background check will be conducted by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy before issuing pharmacy technician in training status.
- Current immunizations required for clinical rotations.
- CPR certification required for clinical rotation in the last semester.
- If the student has not taken Medical Terminology and Health Science I, they will need to complete PHRA 1315 Pharmacy Terminology which is offered at ACC online and can be taken at any time through the program.

Example of Class Schedule of Dual Credit Program:

Junior Year:

Fall Semester:

- PHRA 1301 Introduction to Pharmacy
- PHRA 1309 Pharmaceutical Mathematics

Spring Semester:

- PHRA 1205 Drug Classification
- PHRA 1313 Community Pharmacy Practice

Senior Year:

Fall Semester:

- PHRA 1349 Institutional Pharmacy Practice

Spring Semester:

- PHRA 1441 Pharmacy Drug Therapy & Treatment

Summer Semester: (at ACC campus to complete Level 1 Certification)

- PHRA 1445 Compounding, Sterile Preparations & Aseptic Techniques
- PHRA 2262 Clinical – Pharmacy Technician

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