

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 offers an Associate Degree and a two (2) semester certificate program. The certificate program is flexible and can be completed in three (3) semesters as a part time student or two semesters as a full time student. 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.

Options

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Pharmacy Technician 60 credit hours

Certificate

Pharmacy Technician 27 credit hours

Admission Requirements

- Have a high school diploma or GED.
- Complete application to Alvin Community College and fulfill the admission requirements.
- Not currently on suspension or academic probation.
- A background check will be conducted by the state of Texas Pharmacy Board when applying for technician in training status. You must not have any felonies in the last 5 years or drug convictions.
- Current immunizations required for clinical rotation in the last semester.
- CPR certification required for clinical rotation in the last semester.

For more information call 281-756-3805 or email Rboone@alvincollege.edu.

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Associate of Applied Science Degree Program (A.A.S.)

FIRST YEAR First Semester	credits
PHRA 1301 - Introduction to Pharmacy	3
PHRA 1305 - Drug Classification	3
PHRA 1309 - Pharmaceutical Mathematics I	3
PHRA 1361 - Clinical I - Pharmacy Technician	3
PHRA 1413 - Community Pharmacy Practice	4
Second Semester	credits
PHRA 1315 - Pharmacy Terminology	3
PHRA 1347 - Pharmaceutical Mathematics II	3
PHRA 1441 - Pharmacy Drug Therapy & Treatment	4
PHRA 1449 - Institutional Pharmacy Practice	4
*PHRA 2262 - Clinical - Pharmacy Technician	2
Third Semester	credits
PHRA 1143 - Pharmacy Technician Certification Review	1
PHRA 1304 - Pharmacy Therapy & Disease Process	3
PHRA 1340 - Pharmacy Third Party Payment	3
PHRA 1345 - Compounding, Sterile Preparations	3
PHRA 2263 - Clinical II - Pharmacy Technician	2
SECOND YEAR First Semester	credits
+Select from Creative Arts Core Curriculum or +Select from Language, Philosophy & Culture Core Curriculum	3
+BIOL 1406 - Biology for Science Majors I or +BIOL 2401 - Anatomy & Physiology I or +CHEM 1411 - General Chemistry	4
+ENGL 1301 - Composition I	3
+SPCH 1315 - Public Speaking or +SPCH 1318 - Interpersonal Communications	3
+Select from Social & Behavioral Sciences Core Curriculum	3
Pharmacy Technician (A.A.S. Degree) – credit hours	60

+ Denotes core requirement. Speak with Department Chair or Academic Advisor for proper course selection.

*Capstone Course

Certificate

First Semester	credits
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PHRA 1305 - Drug Classification	3
PHRA 1309 - Pharmaceutical Mathematics I	3
PHRA 1361 - Clinical I - Pharmacy Technician	3
PHRA 1413 - Community Pharmacy Practice	4
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Pharmacy Technician Certificate – credit hours	32

