

Pharmacy Technician

Pharmacy Technician Certificate in Applied Science

(Note: Recommended program schedule of 33 credit hours outlined below is pending SACSCOC approval.)

Mission Statement:

To provide the experienced, registered pharmacy technician the opportunity to complete the educational requirement necessary to become a state-certified pharmacy technician in an expedient and thorough manner.

Entrance Requirements:

Acceptable placement test score(s)

Type of Program:

Day

Professional Credentials:

Certified Pharmacy Technician (subject to meeting state requirements)

Program Accreditation:

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)

Employment Opportunities:

Hospitals, rehabilitation centers, private practice, home health care, schools, specialty prescription pharmacies, nursing homes, retail pharmacies

- **Admission Requirements for non-experienced pharmacy applicants**
 - Students must be eligible for SC Board of Pharmacy Technician Registration
 - Previous experience in medical field
 - Previous medical experience must be documented and approved by academic program director
 - Or University Transfer Student to Pharmacy School
 - Students must attend a Career Talk session for the major within the past two years.
- **Admission requirements for experienced pharmacy applicants:**
 - Students currently holding a SC Board of Pharmacy Technician registration must be in good standing with the SC Board of Pharmacy.
 - If applicable, out-of-state applicants must be in good standing with respective State Boards of Pharmacy and be eligible for SC Board of Pharmacy Technician registration
 - Students may hold an active certification and be in good standing with the National Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) or eligible to sit for the PTCB National Certification Exam.
 - Students must have worked at least 1,500 hours as a pharmacy technician (current within two years). Hours must be verified with employer.
 - Students must attend a Career Talk session for the major within the past two years.
- **Program requirements include**
 - Students are required to complete and pass a physical, including documentation of required immunizations.
 - Students are required to have a crime-free criminal background.
 - Students are required to have a negative 10-panel drug screen.
 - Students must be able to attend all clinical experiences.
 - Students must complete a preclinical orientation (Healthstream).
 - Students must complete valid healthcare provider CPR.

Recommended Program Schedule

First Semester - Fall

AHS	102	Medical Terminology	3.0
PHM	101	Introduction to Pharmacy	3.0
PHM	112	Pharmacy Math	2.0
PHM	114	Therapeutic Agents I	3.0
PHM	202	Pharmacological Anatomy & Physiology	4.0

Second Semester - Spring

PHM	110	Pharmacy Practice	4.0
PHM	113	Pharmacy Technician Math	3.0
PHM	124	Therapeutic Agents II	3.0
PHM	152	Pharmacy Technician Practicum I	2.0

Third Semester - Summer

PHM	173	Pharmacy Technician Practicum III	3.0
PHM	175	Pharmacy Technician Practicum	3.0

Total Required Credit Hours: 33.0

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