

Pharmacy Technician

Overview

Career Studies Certificate

PURPOSE: The Pharmacy Technician program is designed to prepare students to assist and support licensed pharmacists in providing health care and medications to patients. Students will obtain a broad knowledge of pharmacy practice and be skilled in the techniques required to order, stock, package, prepare, and dispense medications under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist.

OCCUPATIONAL OBJECTIVES: Pharmacy technicians work in the following types of pharmacies: hospitals, retail, home health care, nursing homes, clinics, nuclear medicine, and mail order. Pharmacy technicians can be employed with medical insurance companies, pharmacy software companies, drug manufacturing and wholesale companies, food processing companies, and as instructors in pharmacy technician training programs. Currently, hospital, home health care, and retail pharmacies hire the majority of technicians.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: General college curricular admission

PROGRAM NOTES: Students must place out of or complete MDE 10 either prior to or concurrently with HLT 261 - Basic Pharmacy I. Students choosing to enroll in HLT 290 must have transportation and must be able to complete the 160-hour internship of HLT 290. Students may have to complete hours during the day, evening, or weekend, depending on the internship site. Students must pass HLT 143, HLT 250, and HLT 261 with a "C" or better to advance to HLT 262, HLT 290, or HLT 298.

Courses in this program may not be offered every semester; please see the program head for scheduling.

Roadmap

Order	Course	Title	Credits
1	HLT 101	Introduction to the Role of Pharmacy Technician	1
2	HLT 143	Medical Terminology I	3
3	HLT 250	General Pharmacology	3
4	HLT 261	Basic Pharmacy I	3
5	HLT 262	Basic Pharmacy II	3
6	HLT 298 or HLT 290	Seminar and Project in Health (Pharmacy Technician) or Coordinated Internship	4
TOTAL	Pharmacy Technician Career Studies Certificate		17

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