

# Pharmacy Technician AAS

Career & Technical Division

## Program Description:

Pharmacy technicians are currently in very high demand and this demand is expected to continue through at least 2018. As pharmacies expand patient care services, the role of and need for pharmacy technicians will also expand. Pharmacy Technicians are highly skilled individuals who play a critical role in pharmacies. They assist Pharmacists with day-to-day operations so that Pharmacists can spend the time they need to provide quality counseling and care to their patients.

Pharmacy technicians who work in retail or mail-order pharmacies have varying responsibilities, depending on State rules and regulations. Technicians receive written prescriptions or requests for prescription refills from patients. They also may receive prescriptions sent electronically from the doctor's office. To prepare the prescription, technicians must retrieve, count, pour, weigh, measure, and sometimes mix the medication. Technicians may establish and maintain patient profiles, prepare insurance claim forms, and stock and take inventory of prescription and over-the-counter medications.

In hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted-living facilities, technicians have added responsibilities. They read patient charts and prepare and deliver the medicine to patients. The pharmacist must check the order before it is delivered to the patient. The technician then copies the information about the prescribed medication onto the patient's profile.

With the appropriate amount of training and experience, pharmacy technicians may be promoted to supervisory roles, may seek specialization (e.g. oncology, nuclear pharmacy), or may pursue further education and training to become a pharmacist. Some technicians gain specialized skills in sterile products admixture, pharmacy automation, and health information systems.

The A.A.S. Pharmacy Technician Degree includes a total of 63 credit hours, of which 30 credit hours are Pharmacy Technician specific courses. Successful completion of the PHT program will include a clinical internship at an affiliated health-care and retail facility. Many states required licensure in order to perform pharmacy technician work. The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy currently requires licensure of all pharmacy technicians. Beginning July 1, 2015, newly hired technicians in West Virginia must be nationally certified. Upon completion of the PHT program, graduates will be eligible to sit for the national board examination. For more information about West Virginia requirements and the national certification exam please visit, [www.wvbop.com](http://www.wvbop.com) and [www.ptcb.org](http://www.ptcb.org).

## Career Outlook:

According to the [Bureau of Labor and Statistics](http://www.bls.gov) (BLS), employment of pharmacy technicians is expected to increase by 32% from 2010 to 2020. The BLS also suggests that pharmacy technicians with formal education or training, previous work experience, and national certification will be specifically sought after to meet these demands.

## Admission Requirements:

1. Completion of Pharmacy Technician admission packet, which may be found in the Allied Health Division.
2. Applicants must complete all general education and prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better, and must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
3. Proof of medical insurance coverage is required for internship.
4. Prior to internship, students must submit proof of Tuberculosis testing and Hepatitis B vaccination, or sign a waiver refusing vaccination.
5. Prior to internship, students must pass a drug screen and background check.
6. The PHT program is a limited enrollment program. Program admission for the upcoming fall semester will be granted beginning in June.

## Additional Requirements:

- In order to graduate from the A.A.S. PHT program, students must maintain a minimum grade of "C" or better in all PHT courses. They will be allowed to repeat the course one time before dismissal from the program.
- The cost of tuberculosis testing, vaccinations, and background checks are the responsibility of the student.
- Students are responsible for room and board, as well as transportation during clinical internship.

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<b>Name:</b>				<b>ID Number 942-</b>	
<b>CAPS SCORES:</b>		<b>MATH:</b>	<b>ENGLISH:</b>	<b>READ:</b>	<b>DOE:</b>
<b>COL 101 Faculty:</b>					
<b>Educational Counselor:</b>					
<b>Faculty Advisor:</b>					

COURSE	REQUIREMENTS	SEM	HRS	GR	SUBSTITUTE/REPEAT CRS	SEM	CR
AH 151	Medical Terminology		3				
BIOL 257	Intro Anatomy & Physiology		3				
COM 125	Interpersonal Communication		3				
IT 101	Fundamentals of Computers (EDGE)		3				
	Approved ENL course <sup>1</sup>		3				
	Approved MAT course <sup>2</sup>		3				
AH 205	Principles of Disease <sup>3</sup>		3				
AH 207	Infection Control Health Prof <sup>4</sup>		3				
PHT 201	Intro to Pharmacy Technician		3				
PSYC 215	Lifespan Psychology		3				
AH 204	Legal & Ethical Iss Healthcare		3				

Second Year Registration Requirements

“C” or better in all 1<sup>st</sup> year curriculum classes, a cumulative GPA of 2.0, admission to the Pharmacy Technician A.A.S. Program

PHT 204	Pharmacy Practice I		3				
PHT 206	Pharmacy Calculations		3				
PHT 208	Sterile Products		2				
PHT 216	Pharmacology for PHT I		3				
	General Education Elective		3				
PHT 255	Pharmacy Technician Seminar		2				
PHT 250	Pharmacy Practice II <sup>5</sup>		3				
PHT 260	Practice Management		3				
PHT 270	Point of Care for Pharmacy Technician		2				
PHT 290	Technician Experiential Training <sup>6</sup>		6				

**DEVELOPMENTAL COURSES REQUIRED**

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<b>Hours Required for Graduation: 63</b>
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<sup>1</sup> Choose from ENL 111 or ENL 231.

<sup>2</sup> Choose from the following approved MAT courses: MAT 145 or MAT 133. MAT 145 has a prerequisite of placement in 100-level mathematics.

<sup>3</sup> AH 205 has a prerequisite of BIOL 257 or BIOL 258 or BIOL 260.

<sup>4</sup> AH 207 has a prerequisite of AH 151.

<sup>5</sup> PHT 250 has a prerequisite of PHT 204.

<sup>6</sup> PHT 290 has a prerequisite of PHT 201, 204, 206, 208, 216, 226, 250, 260 and Point of Care Course.