

## Program Description:

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 providing optimal patient care in medication management. They assist Pharmacists with day-to-day operations so that Pharmacists can devote additional time to provide high level care to patients in a vast array of patient care settings.

Pharmacy technicians who work in retail or mail-order pharmacies have varying responsibilities, depending on State rules and regulations.

In hospitals, nursing homes, ambulatory care clinics, specialty pharmacy, nuclear pharmacy and compounding pharmacies, technicians have added responsibilities. They interpret patient charts, complete prior authorizations, obtain financial assistance, and medication reconciliation.

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 61 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. 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). Currently, the PTCE pass rate for program graduates is 42%.

## Career Outlook:

For the most current information please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics “Occupational Outlook Handbook” found at [www.bls.gov/ooh/](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/).

## 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 externship, students must submit proof of Tuberculosis testing and Hepatitis B vaccination, or any additional vaccines required by the site.
5. Prior to externship, 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.
7. Convicted felons or Misdemeanor Drug Charges are not eligible for this program.

## 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 registration with the Board of Pharmacy are the responsibility of the student.
- Students are responsible for room and board, as well as transportation during clinical internship.
- Prior to the end of the first semester, students must be registered as a pharmacy technician trainee in WV, KY, and OH.

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## Pharmacy Technician-Major Code CP 70

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Name:						ID Number 942-	
Educational Counselor:							
Faculty Advisor:							
COURSE	REQUIREMENTS	SEM	HRS	GR	SUBSTITUTE/REPEAT CRS	SEM	CR
AH 151	Medical Terminology (EDGE)		3				
BIOL 257	Intro Anatomy & Physiology		3				
COM 125	Interpersonal Communication		3				
ENL 101 or ENL 131	Written Communication <sup>5</sup> or Business and Technical Writing <sup>5</sup>		3				
IT 101	Fundamentals of Computers		3				
MAT 120	Applied Professional Math <sup>6</sup>		3				
			18				
AH 205	Principles of Disease <sup>1</sup>		3				
AH 207	Infection Control Health Prof <sup>2</sup>		3				
PHT 201	Intro to Pharmacy Technician		3				
PSYC 215	Lifespan Psychology		3				
AH 204	Legal & Ethical Issues in Healthcare		3				
			15				
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 260	Practice Management		3				
PHT 216	Pharmacology for PHT I		3				
	General Education Elective		3				
			15				
PHT 255	Pharmacy Technician Seminar - 1st 8 weeks		2				
PHT 250	Pharmacy Practice II <sup>3</sup> - 1st 8 weeks		3				
PHT 208	Sterile Products - 1st 8 weeks		2				
PHT 240	Point of Care - 1st 8 weeks		2				
PHT 290	Technician Experiential Training <sup>4</sup> 2nd 8 weeks		6				
			15				
<b>Hours Required for Graduation: 63</b>							

<sup>1</sup> AH 205 has a prerequisite of BIOL 257 or BIOL 260.

<sup>2</sup> AH 207 has a prerequisite of AH 151.

<sup>3</sup> PHT 250 has a prerequisite of PHT 204.

<sup>4</sup> PHT 290 has a prerequisite of PHT 204, 206, 208, 216, 240, 250, 255, and 260.

<sup>5</sup> ENL 101 and ENL 131 have prerequisites of placement in 100-Level English or a corequisite of ENL 095. If a student takes ENL 101, they must earn a "C" or better to graduate.

<sup>6</sup> MAT 120 has a prerequisite of placement in 100-level Math or minimum ACT Math score of 19 or SAT Math score of 510.