

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 Pharmacy Technician Certificate Degree includes a total of 30 credit hours. Successful completion of the PHT program will include a clinical internship at a 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 and 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/.

Admission Requirements:

Students must submit an application for this program as it is selective admission. Students must also have:

1. A 2.5 GPA from the institution or previously enrolled or high school diploma or GED
2. A minimum ACT Math score of 19 or Accuplacer score of 85
3. A minimum ACT English score of 18 or Accuplacer score of 5

Additional Requirements:

- Proof of medical insurance coverage is required for internship
- Prior to internship, students must submit proof of Tuberculosis testing and Hepatitis B vaccination, or sign a waiver refusing vaccination
- The cost of tuberculosis testing, vaccinations, and trainee registration with WV Board of Pharmacy are the responsibility of the student
- Students are responsible for room and board, as well as transportation during clinical internship
- Convicted felons or Misdemeanor Drug Charges are not eligible for this program

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Pharmacy Technician-Major Code – CP71

Name:	ID Number 942-
Educational Counselor:	
Faculty Advisor:	

COURSE	REQUIREMENTS	SEM	HRS	GR	SUBSTITUTE/REPEAT CRS	SEM	CR
PHT 203	Pharmacy Law		3				
PHT 204	Community/Retail Pharmacy		3				
PHT 206	Pharmacy Calculations		3				
PHT 216	Pharmacology for PHT I		3				
MAT 120	Applied Professional Math		3				
			15				
PHT 205	Institutional/Hospital Pharmacy		3				
PHT 208	Intro to Sterile Products		3				
PHT 255	Pharmacy Technician Seminar		3				
PHT 290	Community/Retail Exp. Training ²		3				
ENL 131	Business and Technical Writing		3				
			15				
Hours Required for Graduation: 30							

¹ PHT 290 has a prerequisite of PHT 203, 204, and 216.

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