

Pharmacy Technician

Professional/Technical Pathway

This pathway provides the skills, knowledge, and abilities that have been identified as critical for entry-level positions working as a Pharmacy Technician. This is a comprehensive 120-hour, non-credit class that prepares students to enter the pharmacy field and to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board's national certification exam. A second term is an option for those students interested in developing an internship for college credit.

Pharmacy Technician Overview

Today's dynamic pharmacy environment requires that professionals understand clinical, administrative and reimbursement issues that the pharmacy organization faces on a daily basis. Pharmacy Technicians work in pharmacies under the direction of a pharmacist. Their main responsibility is filling prescriptions according to doctors' orders for patients. Course content includes medical terminology specific to the pharmacy, reading and interpreting prescriptions and defining drugs by generic and brand names. Students learn dosage calculations, I.V. flow rates, drug compounding, dose conversions, dispensing of prescriptions, inventory control and online billing and reimbursement.

Features

- Students participate in three hours a week of Career Planning.
- Through the Career Planning course a cohort learning community is developed and an Employment Specialist supports students as they pursue employment in this field.
- This pathway is offered in partnership with PCC Institute for Health Professionals and PCC Professional Skills Department.
- Training is on the State of Oregon Eligible Training Provider list (WIA).

Prerequisites

- High School Diploma or GED
- COMPASS placement exam (results of the exam should place students into Writing 115, Reading 115, and Math 60). For information on a test taking workshop, contact 503-788-6218.
- Typing at 30 words per minute.
- Must be able to speak, read and write in English.
- To work in the State of Oregon, you must obtain a Pharmacy Technician License through the State of Oregon Board of Pharmacy. The license application process includes a thorough criminal background check. For a copy of the application visit <http://www.pharmacy.state.or.us/>.

Format

Classes are generally held three evenings a week with an additional 3-hour weekly Career Planning course one afternoon or morning each week for Career Pathways students.

Courses

Term 1

Pharmacy Technician non-credit
 Career Planning non-credit

Term 2 (Optional)

Internship 8-16 credits

Costs

Estimated:	Term 1	Term 2
Tuition and fees*	\$2,987	\$1,230.20
Books	\$146	no cost
	\$3,133	\$1,230.20**

* Includes career fee for guidance, Career Planning course and job placement assistance.

** Cost is based on a full-time, 16 credit internship

Total for two terms (Includes parking pass) \$4,363.20

Steps to Admission

1. Apply for Admission to PCC
2. Take the College placement exam. You can call one of the PCC testing centers listed below for an exam schedule:
 - Cascade Campus 503-978-5234
 - Rock Creek Campus 503-614-7300
 - SE Center 503-788-6277
 - Sylvania Campus 503-977-4533
3. Speak with the staff person listed below.

Contact

Laurie Chadwick, 503-788-6233, laurie.chadwick@pcc.edu

For more detailed information visit our web page at:
www.pcc.edu/cp

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