

Pharmacy Technician



Career 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 take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board's national certification exam and enter the pharmacy field. 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.

Training Format

Classes may be offered days or evenings.

Features

- Students participate in career planning seminars and receive job coaching services.
- 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 CLIMB Center for Advancement and PCC Occupational Skills Department.
- Training is on the State of Oregon Eligible Training Provider list (WIA).

Courses

Term 1

Pharmacy Technician	non-credit
Career Planning Seminars	non-credit

Term 2 (Optional)

Internship	8-16 credits
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Prerequisites

- High school diploma or GED.
- Completion of a COMPASS placement exam at a PCC testing center (results of the exam should place students into Writing 115, Reading 115 and Math 60. Students whose first language is not English must place into Math 60 and should take the COMPASS ESL test, placing into Reading 115, Writing 115 and ESOL 264 Academic Communication or show successful completion of ESOL 254, 260 and 262).
- For COMPASS test-taking workshop information, call 971-722-6218.
- Typing at 30 words per minute.
- To work in Oregon, you must obtain a Pharmacy Technician License through the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy. The application process includes a thorough criminal background check. For a copy of the application visit www.pharmacy.state.or.us/.

Estimated Cost

Term 1	\$2,853.05
Term 2	\$1,310.20
Total	\$4,163.25

Total includes fee for job coaching and career planning seminars in Term 1, ongoing job search assistance, tuition, fees for the national certification exam, Oregon Pharmacy Technician license application, books and parking. For the most up-to-date costs, visit www.pcc.edu/cp.

Steps to Admission

1. Visit www.pcc.edu/cp for the most current details on this pathway.
2. Apply for admission to PCC.
3. Take the college placement exam. Call one of the PCC testing centers listed below for an exam schedule:

Cascade Campus	971-722-5234
Rock Creek Campus	971-722-7300
SE Center	971-722-6277
Sylvania Campus	971-722-4533
4. Complete the PCC online student orientation.
5. Speak with the contact person listed below.

Contact

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For more information visit www.pcc.edu/cp