

# Pharmacy Technician

## Health Services



## Low Cost Training

### Classes

#### First Block (each block=six weeks)

- Rx Med Terms/Anatomy & Physiology
- Math for Medications

#### Second Block

- Pharmacy Practice for Pharmacy Technician I
- Pharmacy Math I

#### Third Block

- Pharmacy Practice for Pharmacy Technicians II
- Pharmacy Math II

#### Fourth Block

- Pharmacy Lab for Pharmacy Technicians I
- Pharmacology for Pharmacy Technicians I

#### Fifth Block

- Pharmacy Lab for Pharmacy Technician II
- Pharmacology for Pharmacy Technicians II

#### Sixth Block

- Medical Insurance for Pharmacy Technicians
- Externship Preparation

#### Externship Seventh Block

Upon satisfactory completion of 6 blocks instructor may recommend you for assignment to an externship.

**Note:** Upon satisfactory completion of block 4. You will be assisted with your application to the Pharmacy Board and National Certification Examination.

**Program Accredited by ASHP  
American Society of Health-  
System Pharmacist**

### Pre-requisites:

- High School Diploma or (GED)
- Demonstration of a minimum of 10<sup>th</sup> grade proficiency in reading, language, and math
- Certified Typing Speed 35 wpm
- Completion of Introduction to Computers course.
- Current TB/PPD & MMR

### Health screening is as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_TB/PPD {or Clear Chest X-ray} due the 1<sup>st</sup> day of classes

\_\_\_\_\_MMR, Chickenpox and Tetanus, Diphtheria and Hepatitis A & B series take up to 6 months to complete due by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> block

**This 42 week course includes specific Focus classes and Externship. The course is designed to prepare you for career opportunities in either an outpatient, inpatient or retail setting. Lab classes are designed to enable you to compound extemporaneous preparations both efficiently and accurately. You will also receive hands-on experience using computers for ambulatory services.**

**\*High School Diploma or GED required prior to entry into program.**

**Initial Materials Fee: \$5200**  
**Includes 2 lab jackets and Professional Liability Insurance**

Blocks	Teacher & Room #	Class	Required Books	Price
<b>Block 1</b> AM	Ms. Fong 501	Rx Med Terms/Anatomy & Physiology	Medical Terminology: A Short Course, 5 <sup>th</sup> Editin by Davi- Ellen Chabner ISBN#: 978-1-4160-5518-1	\$43
	Ms. Fong 501	Math for Medications	Math for Meds, 10 <sup>th</sup> Edition by Anna M. Curren ISBN: 978-1-4283-1095-7	\$82
<b>Block 2</b> AM	Ms. Fong 501	Pharmacy Practice for Pharmacy Technicians I	Pharmacy Practice for Technicians, 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition by Don A. Ballington & Robert J. Anderson ISBN: 978-0-76383-460-9	\$85
	M. Fong 501	Pharmacy Math I	Pharmacy Calculations for Technicians, 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition by Don A. Ballington & Tova Green ISBN: 978-076383-465-4	\$66
<b>Block 3</b> AM	Ms. Fong 501	Pharmacy Practice for Pharmacy Technician II	Same book as above	\$00
	Ms. Fong 501	Pharmacy Math I	Same book as above	\$00
<b>Block 4</b> AM	Ms. Huynh 400	Pharmacy Labs for Pharmacy Technicians I	Pharmacy Labs for Pharmacy Technicians by Jason Sparks & Lisa McCartney ISBN: 978-0-76383-486-9	\$67
	Ms. Huynh 400	Pharmacology for Pharmacy Technicians I	Pharmacology for Pharmacy Technicians, 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition by Don A. Ballington ISBN: 978-0-76383-6450	\$110
<b>Block 5</b> AM	Ms. Huynh 400	Pharmacy Labs for Pharmacy Technicians II	Same book as above	\$00
	Ms. Huynh 400	Pharmacology for Pharmacy Technicians II	Same book as above	\$00
<b>**Due in Block 6</b>	State Board of Pharmacy License Application Fee		(BOP)	\$80
	Department of Lifescan fingerprint fee		(DOJ & FBI)	\$63
	Passport Picture			\$ 6
	BLS for Healthcare Providers CPR Textbook			\$20
	BLS for Professional Organization			\$40
** These costs are to be paid for by the student during Block 6, In addition to the other fees listed. Focus instructor will explain due date. Fees <b>MUST</b> be paid prior to assignment to externship site.				
<b>Block 6</b> AM	Ms. Huynh 400	Medical Insurance Billing for Pharmacy Technicians	Medical Insurance Billing for Pharmacy Technicians by Janet McGregor Liles & Cynthia Newby ISBN: 978-0-07-337416-1	\$65
	Ms. Huynh 400	Externship Preparation	<b>NO BOOK REQUIRED</b>	
<b>Block 7</b>		<b>Externship</b>		
<b>Total cost of the books</b>				<b>\$518</b>
<b>Total Approximate Cost {Including miscellaneous supplies}</b>				<b>*\$5718</b>
<b>* Excludes – State Board of Pharmacy License Application Fee \$80 and Department of Justice Fingerprint Fee \$63</b>				
<b>ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE</b>				

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## **Pharmacy Technician Careers**

Pharmacy Technicians, help licensed Pharmacists provide medication and other health care products to patients. Pharmacy Technicians typically work behind the counter at retail pharmacies, mail-order pharmacies, hospitals, and nursing homes.

The pharmaceutical industry is predicted to be one of the nation's fastest growing industries, according to the US Department of Labor Bureau, and it's an industry that is relatively easy to enter, with only a short amount of time spent in school.

Many successful Pharmacy Technicians enter the field with only a certificate or associate degree. They then continue their training on the job, learning valuable career skills that allow them to advance to supervisory positions, or even become Pharmacists. With a growing demand for pharmaceuticals and a rapidly expanding health care field in general, the timing has never been better to gain a foothold in this health care specialty industry.

## **Recommended Education**

When it comes to hiring Pharmacy Technicians, employers like to see formal training or certification. Employers may not have the time or resources to train on the job, so they are more likely to hire people who already have the education or certification. Just be sure that your Pharmacy Technician training program is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP).

## **How can I attain Pharmacy Technician certification?**

Those who wish to earn the title of Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) may take the National Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination administered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board. Some states and employers require certification; employers may even reimburse your exam costs. You must complete 20 continuing education hours every two years to keep your Pharmacy Technician certification current.

## **What do Pharmacy Technicians do?**

Pharmacy Technicians receive written prescriptions or requests for prescription refills from patients. They can also receive prescription requests electronically from doctors' offices. They must verify that information on the prescription is complete and accurate.

To prepare the prescription, technicians must retrieve, count, pour, weigh, measure, and sometimes mix the medication. Then, they prepare the prescription labels, select the type of prescription container, and affix the prescription and auxiliary labels to the container.

Once the prescription is filled, technicians price and file the prescription, which must be checked by a pharmacist before it is given to the patient. Technicians may establish and maintain patient profiles, prepare insurance claim forms, and stock and take inventory of prescription and over-the-counter medications.

## **Pharmacy Technician Job Outlook**

Pharmacy Technician jobs are expected to grow at an amazing rate of 32 percent by 2016. Our population is getting older, and there is an ever-increasing need for medicine. In addition, as scientific advances bring treatments for an increasing number of conditions, more pharmacy technicians will be needed to fill a growing number of prescriptions.

## **Pharmacy Technician Salaries**

Salaries for Pharmacy Techs vary depending on which industry you work in.