



Pharmacy Technician

The Pharmacy Technician program at Pima Medical Institute will give you the tools to enter the healthcare world as a professional in a retail pharmacy, hospital, home healthcare setting, mail order or pharmaceutical wholesalers industry.

Pharmacy technicians are the key communication liaison between medical professionals, doctors, pharmacists and patients and may assist pharmacists in providing medications and healthcare products to patients.

Once you graduate from Pima Medical Institute's Pharmacy Technician program, you can sit for an exam to become a certified pharmacy technician. As a certified pharmacy technician, you'll receive and verify prescriptions and prepare patient medication.



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Pharmacy Technician Course Outline

What You Will Learn

Pima Medical Institute's Pharmacy Technician program will train you to prepare and provide medication and other health products to patients; mix intravenous solutions, count tablets and label bottles; receive electronic prescriptions from medical offices; handle computer order entry of prescriptions; receive written prescriptions and requests for patient refills; verify complete and accurate prescriptions; stock and inventory prescriptions and over-the-counter medications. In addition, students have the opportunity to earn IV Certification, which includes training on sterile product preparation and aseptic technique.

Job Outlook

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of pharmacy technicians is projected to grow 7 percent from 2023 to 2033, faster than average for all occupations. Increased demand for prescription medications will lead to more demand for pharmaceutical services.[†]

Employment

Pharmacy technicians will find employment in different job environments, such as hospitals, retail or mail order pharmacies, assisted-living facilities, nursing homes and in-home healthcare environments.

Certification

The nationally accredited and state-licensed program at Pima Medical Institute will prepare you for the National Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination (CPhT), administered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board. More states and employers are requiring certification as reliance on pharmacy technicians grows.

[†]Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Pharmacy Technicians, on the Internet at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/pharmacy-technicians.htm> (visited January 11, 2025).

Career Prep Sequence

Course #	Course	Theory	Lab	Extern	Credits
CSK 100	Study Skills*	15			1.0
CAT 150	Anatomy, Physiology, and Terminology*	55			3.5
CCB 100	Computer Basics*		15		0.5
CMF 95	Math Fundamentals*	20			1.0
CHS 100	CPR & First Aid*	10	5		0.5
Career Prep Sequence Total		100	20		6.5

*Successful completion of CSK 100, CAT 150, CCB 100, CMF 95, and CHS 100 is required prior to externship.

Professional Sequence I

Course #	Course	Theory	Lab	Extern	Credits
PHA 121	Pharmacy Math	15			1.0
PHA 105	Inventory Maintenance	15			1.0
PHA 165	Pharmacology	20			1.0
PHA 180	Pharmacy Law & Ethics	22			1.0
PHA 150	Sequence I Pharmacy Applications		48		1.5
Professional Sequence I Total		72	48		5.5

Professional Sequence II

Course #	Course	Theory	Lab	Extern	Credits
PHA 131	Pharmacy Math	20			1.0
PHA 170	Pharmacy Technician Duties	27			1.5
PHA 175	Pharmacology	25			1.5
PHA 190	Sequence II Pharmacy Applications		48		1.5
Professional Sequence II Total		72	48		5.5

Professional Sequence III

Course #	Course	Theory	Lab	Extern	Credits
PHA 141	Pharmacy Math	15			1.0
PHA 245	Principles of Customer Service	10			0.5
PHA 185	Pharmacology	25			1.5
PHA 235	Pharmacy Laboratory Skills	22			1.0
PHA 230	Sequence III Pharmacy Applications		48		1.5
Professional Sequence III Total		72	48		5.5

Professional Sequence IV

Course #	Course	Theory	Lab	Extern	Credits
PHA 151	Pharmacy Math	15			1.0
PHA 155	Pharmacy Computer Applications	10	12		1.0
PHA 195	Pharmacology	20			1.0
PHA 265	Patient Safety	15			1.0
PHA 270	Sequence IV Pharmacy Applications		48		1.5
Professional Sequence IV Total		60	60		5.5

Externship

Course #	Course	Theory	Lab	Extern	Credits
PHA 250	Externship			240	5.0
Externship Total				240	5.0
PROGRAM TOTALS		376	224	240	33.5

Outside Hours are a required component in addition to the total program hours for all students. The Pharmacy Technician program requires 250 outside hours, as recognized by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools, for a total program hours of 1090.



- Hands-on training
- Financial aid if qualified
- Career planning services

PMI offers FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE to those who qualify. CAREER PLANNING SERVICES and INTERNSHIPS are also provided for eligible students. Check availability on DAY and EVENING classes. Not all programs are offered at all campuses. For consumer info visit pmi.edu/consumerinfo.