

Chattanooga State



Pharmacy Technician
Program

Your Guide

Program Definition

Technical Certificate

Program accredited by American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists.

The Pharmacy Technician Program is a twelve-month program designed to prepare students for certification by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB).

Pharmacy technicians assist and support licensed pharmacists in providing health care and medications to patients. Pharmacy technicians must have a broad knowledge of pharmacy practice and be skilled in the techniques required to fill prescriptions, constitute IV solutions, and prepare medications, but they do not need the advanced college education required of a licensed pharmacist. Although pharmacy technicians are supervised by a pharmacist and must be willing to take directions, they must also be able to work competently without constant instruction by the pharmacists.

Pharmacy technicians must care about serving patients. Because of the critical nature of many pharmacy duties, pharmacy technicians must perform precise work where details can be a matter of life or death. Good communication and interpersonal skills are essential to interact with patients and other health care professional on a daily basis.

For more information telephone (423) 697-2690.

Important information: Pharmacy Technician Program at Chattanooga State

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*All forms and important information can be found on these two Web sites:
N/AH Web site: http://www.chattanoogaastate.edu/allied_health/
PC Web site: http://www.chattanoogaastate.edu/allied_health/pharm_tech/*

Career Opportunities

- Hospital Pharmacies
- Nuclear Medicine Pharmacies
- Home Health Care
- Drug Manufacturing Companies
- Community Pharmacies
- Nursing Homes
- Drug Wholesale Companies

Salary and Employment

The starting salary for certified pharmacy technicians is in the range of \$8 to \$10 per hour with additional shift differentials and fringe benefits such as medical and dental insurance, sick leave, and retirement plans. Many employers now prefer to hire formally educated technicians and are willing to compensate for their skills thus raising salaries. A well trained and experienced technician can earn up to \$15 per hour as a base rate.

The employment outlook is quite optimistic with the increasing pharmacy workload due to our aging population.

Program Content

Course No.	Course Title	Semester Hours		
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PC 101	Introduction to Pharmacy Practice	3		
PC 105	Pharmacy Law and Ethics	3		
PC 107	Pharmacology and Therapeutics I	4		
PC 115	Introduction to Human Biology	4		
PC 110	Pharmaceutical Calculations		4	
PC 201	Pharmacology and Therapeutics II		4	
PC 205	Pharmacy Practice		5	
PC 220	Pharmacy Practice Clinical Rotations			5
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Total Hours: 32

Application Information

For information on applying to the Pharmacy Technician Program, telephone Chattanooga State's Nursing/Allied Health Division at 423-697-4450.

- Applicants must take the ACT Compass test if not taking college-level classes in mathematics, reading, and writing.
- Applications are available in the Nursing/Allied Health Division, HSC Building or visit the PC Web site:
http://www.chattanoogastate.edu/allied_health/pharm_tech/
- Preference given to qualified early applicants.
- Classes are limited to 36 students.

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