

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

The Pharmacy Technician Certification program is nationally accredited through the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP). Pharmacy Technicians are skilled healthcare specialists who work under the direction of a licensed pharmacist. This program will prepare the student to pass the national Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam and to obtain the skills necessary to function as a successful pharmacy technician in a retail or hospital setting. Each student is given the opportunity as an intern to realize the actual on-site job experience in both a hospital and community pharmacy.

This program is designed for either full-time or part-time enrollment. The program begins each fall. See course descriptions for prerequisites and co-requisites. Students will pay for malpractice insurance and will be required to pass a background check and drug screen. Any misdemeanor or felony conviction may prohibit the student from obtaining the appropriate registration with the Texas State Board of Pharmacy and being able to participate in the on-site internship. A TB skin test and seasonal influenza vaccination will be required as well as documentation of TDAP, MMR, Hepatitis B and varicella immunization/history. Students may also be required to show proof of COVID vaccinations.

Admission Requirements

1. High school diploma or GED, or enrolled in a high school or equivalent program.
2. Completion and compliance with College of the Mainland's Application for Admission. Apply to the college at the ApplyTexas (<https://goapplytexas.org/>) website.
3. Complete and submit the electronic Pharmacy Technician Program Application (<https://www.com.edu/academics/pharmacy-technician/how-to-begin.html>)
4. Interview with Program Director
5. Approved Criminal Background Check
6. Approved Drug Screen

Graduation Requirements

To be eligible for graduation, students must have

1. Completed the prescribed courses listed in this Catalog with an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better,
2. Passed each PHRA related course listed in the prescribed course of study with a grade of "C" (75%) or better,
3. Met any individually prescribed behavior or remediation-related requirements.

Effective September 1, 2017, HB 1508 amends the Texas Occupations Code Section 53 that requires education providers to notify potential or enrolled students that a criminal history may make them ineligible for an occupational license upon program completion. Program specific information will be provided in course syllabi.

Stackable Credentials

1. Associate of Applied Science - Pharmacy Technician
2. Certificate - Pharmacy Technician

Full-Time Schedules

Certificate - Pharmacy Technician (Full-Time)

Associate of Applied Science - Pharmacy Technician (Full-Time)

Certificate - Pharmacy Technician

Level One Certificate

Full-Time Student Schedule

Course	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Semester #1		
PHRA 1301	Introduction to Pharmacy	3
PHRA 1309	Pharmaceutical Math I	3
PHRA 1441	Pharmacy Drug Therapy and Treatment	4
PHRA 1449	Institutional Pharmacy Practice	4
Semester Credit Hours		14
Semester #2		
PHRA 1347	Pharmaceutical Math II	3
PHRA 1404	Pharmacotherapy and Disease Process	4
PHRA 1243	Pharmacy Technician Certification Review ¹	2
PHRA 1445	Compounding Sterile Preparations	4
PHRA 2360	Clinical - Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	3
Semester Credit Hours		16
Total Semester Credit Hours		30

Associate of Applied Science - Pharmacy Technician

The AAS degree will help further the opportunities for management and advanced responsibility roles.

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Semester #3		
HITT 1305	Medical Terminology I	3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
BIOL 2401	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
PHED 1164	Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness	1

BMGT 1327 or BUSI 1301	Principles of Management or Business Principles	3
Semester Credit Hours		14
Semester #4		
BIOL 2402	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
PHIL 2306	Introduction to Ethics	3
Select from one of the following:		3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth & Development	
SPCH 1315 or SPCH 1318	Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communication	3
BCIS 1305 or COSC 1301	Business Computer Applications or Introduction to Computing	3
Semester Credit Hours		16
Total Semester Credit Hours		60

¹ Capstone course