

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This occupational program prepares students for work as Pharmacy Technicians. The program provides both the technical and practical training that enables the technician, upon licensure, to function as a competent entry-level assistant to the pharmacist. Pharmacy Technicians may be employed in hospitals, community pharmacies, home-health care settings, and government agencies. Program curriculum consists of lecture and laboratory instruction in both simulated and supervised clinical environments.

Upon successful completion of the Pharmacy Technician program, students are qualified to apply to the California State Board of Pharmacy for registration; registration is a legal requirement for work in California as a pharmacy technician. California law also allows for the denial of certification on the basis of any prior criminal convictions substantially related to pharmaceutical practice.

CAREER AT A GLANCE:

HOW DO I KNOW IF THIS MAJOR IS FOR ME?

- You enjoy assisting customers and responding to questions or requests.
- You enjoy collaborating with a pharmacist and the pharmacy team to assist customers.
- You are detail oriented, organized, and have the ability to ensure that information is complete and accurate.
- You have good eye hand coordination in order to label prefilled medications.

Use Focus2Career on your MyChaffey portal to learn more about careers and majors that fit you best.

WHERE CAN I WORK?

Pharmacies	Drug Stores
Grocery Stores	Government Offices
Pharmaceutical Wholesales	Pharmaceutical Manufacturers
Health and Personal Care Stores	General Merchandise
Hospitals	Physician's Offices

For more information visit: www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

- Attend the program information session
- Review the program website for application instructions and deadlines
- Volunteer at hospitals and medical facilities to gain experience with direct patient care
- Practice interpersonal communication skills
- Job shadow and network with healthcare professionals

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS CERTIFICATE AND/OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
Pharmacy Technician	\$38,660
Pharmacy Aide	\$30,400
Billing and Quality Technician	\$38,660
Compounding Technician	\$38,660
Senior Pharmacy Technician	\$38,660
Certified Pharmacy Technician	\$38,660
Inventory Specialist	\$38,660

WHAT CAN I DO WITH HIGHER EDUCATION AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
Pharmaceutical Sales	\$76,240
Pharmaceutical Research	\$97,240
Pharmacist	\$143,190

For more information about careers, education and training requirements, salary data, and job outlooks visit www.onetonline.org.

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Enrollment in the Pharmacy Technician program is subject to completion of the following requirements:

1. Admission to Chaffey College.
2. High school graduation, pass the GED test, or pass the High School Proficiency Examination, or have associates degree or higher. International transcripts must have AERC, IERF, or approved agency evaluation.
3. Successful completion for MATH 520 or eligibility for MATH 410 as determined by the Chaffey College assessment.

NOTES:

- A. The college does not provide transportation to clinical facilities.
- B. Students must demonstrate satisfactory physical and emotional health, as determined by health examination and proof of immunizations.
- C. Students must possess a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certificate prior to Clinical Externship (PHARMT 481L). Certificate may be the American Heart Association "Healthcare Provider with AED" or the American Red Cross "Professional Rescuer with AED." The CPR card must be updated annually. Details about times and locations of CPR classes provided at information meetings.
- D. To continue in the Pharmacy Technician program, students must earn satisfactory grades (minimum of "C" in graded courses; "CR" in pass/fail courses) in all Pharmacy Technician and other required courses.
- E. Students with prior pharmacy technician education should contact the college Counseling Department to schedule a course evaluation.
- F. It is strongly recommended that the student have keyboarding proficiency of 35 wpm.

MAJOR AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

LEGEND: G=Grade IP=In Progress N=Need **Bold: Prerequisites** Plain Text: No Prerequisites

<i>Major Requirements for the Associate in Science Degree: (S322)</i>		Grade	IP	Need	Units
PHARMT 401	Pharmacology of the Body Systems I				3
PHARMT 402	Pharmacology of the Body Systems II				3
PHARMT 403	Principles of Community Pharmacy Practice				1.5
PHARMT 404	Principles of Institutional Pharmacy Practice				1.5
PHARMT 405	Sterile Products				2
PHARMT 410	Over-the-Counter Products				2
PHARMT 415	Pharmaceutical Calculations				2
PHARMT 421	Community Pharmacy Operations				3
PHARMT 421L	Community Pharmacy Operations Laboratory				1
PHARMT 431	Institutional Pharmacy Operations				3
PHARMT 431L	Institutional Pharmacy Operations Laboratory				1
PHARMT 481L	Clinical Externship				4.5

Student Name: _____

ID#: _____

Date: _____

Counselor: _____

COUNSELOR NOTES:

Requirements for the Pharmacy Technician Certificate: (T322)

Same as the major requirements for the A.S. Degree.

\$46 per unit for CA Residents

In addition to completion of the MAJOR, there are other requirements for the degree, refer to the Chaffey College Graduation Requirement Sheet or see a counselor in the Counseling Center.
 All courses required for a certificate must be completed with a minimum grade of C.