

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

The Certificate of Completion Pharmacy Technician program prepares individuals for employment in hospital and retail pharmacies. Pharmacy Technician is a category of support personnel and denotes a skilled worker who has been trained to assist the pharmacist in preparing and dispensing medications. This category of support personnel is spelled out in Oregon Administrative Rules 855-41-205 under the auspices of the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy.

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this program the student will be able to:

- Function as a professional in a pharmacy environment either in a hospital or retail setting.
- Assist the pharmacist in the preparation and dispensing of medications.
- Be aware of the duties and limitations of a pharmacy technician as per Oregon Administrative Rules 855-41-205.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to take the college placement test to determine skill level and readiness in math, reading and writing. As part of their training program, students must begin with the courses within their skill level as determined by the college placement test scores.

Due to the nature of this curriculum and the access to drugs, all students will have to declare themselves “drug free” and be subject to a criminal background check. Any student who is unable, for any reason, to complete the practicum parts of this curriculum will not be able to continue in the program. Drug testing will be done prior to clinical practicum. Graduates may choose to take a national certification examination at the successful conclusion of the program.

This program is currently offered entirely through distance education. All PHAR classes are offered only online. Other courses in the program are offered in the traditional classroom setting as well.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a minimum of 51 credit hours with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better. All courses in this program must be completed with a ‘C’ or better. One course must be completed at Southwestern before the Certificate of Completion Pharmacy Technician is awarded.

Complete the graduation application process one term prior to the term of completion (e.g., spring term graduates must apply during winter term).

GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT DISCLOSURE

Southwestern is required by federal regulations to disclose information related to Southwestern's educational programs that lead to gainful employment in a recognized occupation. This information is intended to provide students the opportunity to measure employment outcomes associated with Southwestern's certificate programs.

Gainful employment information can be found online at socc.edu/images/ge/pharmacy.html.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

| PREREQUISITES | CIS90 (2) Computer Basics (or demonstrate proficiency) | Reading Score of ASSET42 COMPASS81 | MTH20 (4) Basic Mathematics (or placement test score) | WR90 (3) Paragraph Fundamentals (or placement test score) | | |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| FALL = 17 CREDITS | AH111 (3) Medical Terminology I | AH121 (3) Body Structures and Functions I | PHAR5470 (4) Introduction to Pharmacy: Practice and Law | MTH60 (4) Algebra I ¹ | WR121 (3) English Composition | |
| WINTER = 18 CREDITS | AH112 (3) Medical Terminology II | AH122 (3) Body Structures and Functions II | PHAR5472 (3) Pharmacology I | PHAR5474 (2) Pharmacy Calculations | PHAR5475 (4) Pharmacy Technician Procedures I | BA285 (3) Human Relations in Organizations |
| SPRING = 16 CREDITS | SP100 (3) Basic Speech Communication ² | PHAR5477 (3) Pharmacy Records Management | PHAR5473 (3) Pharmacology II | PHAR280 (3) Pharmacy Technician Practicum | PHAR5476 (4) Pharmacy Technician Procedures II | |
| 51 CREDITS = TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENT | | | | | | |

PROGRAM NOTES

¹MTH65, MTH82, MTH95 or higher may be substituted for MTH60.

²SP100 or higher.

All students in this program are advised to check individual course descriptions for prerequisites.