

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 practice parts of this curriculum will not be able to continue in the program. Drug testing will be done prior to clinical practice. 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 (C) average or better. All courses in this program must be completed with a 'C' or better. Fifteen (15) of the last 30 credits must be earned at Southwestern before the Certificate of Completion Pharmacy Technician is awarded.

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

PREREQUISITES	CIS101 (2) Computers in Society	Reading Score of ASSET39 COMPASS69	MTH20 (4) Basic Mathematics ¹	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	MTH70 (4) Elementary Algebra (or higher)	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	PHAR5478 (3) Pharmacy Technician Practicum	PHAR5476 (4) Pharmacy Technician Procedures II	
51 CREDITS = TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS						

PROGRAM NOTES

¹MTH55 may be substituted.

²SP100 or higher to fulfill requirement.

****All students in this program are advised to check individual course**

descriptions for prerequisites.