

2007-08 Catalog: Programs of Study

Pharmacy Technician (B300)

Applied Technology Diploma

Mission Statement

Creating competent, ethical, confident entry-level health care practitioners committed to professional development through life-long learning in a positive, non-discriminatory and supportive learning environment.

The Career

Pharmacy Technicians work under the supervision of licensed pharmacists to perform technical and clerical duties in the systematic operation of the pharmacy. They are prepared to work in retail and community pharmacies, hospital and health care affiliated pharmacies, or mail-order pharmacies. Pharmacy technicians practice under the legal umbrella of the pharmacist license; therefore, all technician activities are the responsibility of the pharmacist.

The Program

This program provides students with the theoretical, practical and clinical skills needed to work as a pharmacy technician in a retail pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, health care facility, nursing home or mail-order pharmacy. Program completers will be eligible to take the national pharmacy technician certification exam offered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board. This program is part of the Pharmacy Management A.S. degree and guarantees transfer of credit of 40 hours toward the A.S. degree.

Internships

Hands-on experience is included in your program through internships with our medical partners: Baptist, Brooks Rehabilitation, Flagler, Memorial, St. Luke's, St. Vincent's, and the Naval Hospital, as well as Mayo Clinic and Orange Park Medical Center.

Career Opportunities, Rapid Placement

Full- and part-time opportunities are expected to increase dramatically. A growing and aging population will drive the need for pharmaceuticals and the expansion of retail pharmacies and the role of pharmacy technicians.

Annual Salaries

Average earnings for pharmacy technicians range from \$10 to \$14 per hour, to more than \$17 per hour. Shifts and weekends rates are higher and certification also increases your income.

Certification and Articulation

Your diploma makes you eligible to take the national pharmacy technician certification exam offered by the **Pharmacy Technician Certification Board**.

Cost

Estimated cost of tuition is \$2,656 (tuition rated for Florida residents, as of 7/07). Contact program manager for additional costs (textbooks, materials, fees).

Need More Information? Contact:

Jalaine Buford, North Campus, 904.766.6585

Application Procedure

To meet the minimum requirements for consideration for acceptance to the Pharmacy Technician program, students must:

1. Complete a pharmacy technician application.
2. Submit high school completion transcript or copy of GED test scores.

Curriculum

Course Number and Title	Credits
Supporting Courses	
* CGS 1060 Introduction to Information Technology	3
<i>or</i> CGS 1100 Microcomputer Applications for Business and Economics	
* BSC 2020C Human Biology	4
ENC 1101 English Composition I	3
HSC 1531 Medical Terminology (for Health Professions)	3
Credit Hours	13
Required Professional Courses	
PTN 1001 Introduction to Pharmacy	3
PTN 1131 Applied Pharmacy Practice	3
PTN 1131L Applied Pharmacy Practice Laboratory	3
PTN 1017 Pharmacy Technician Math	3
PTN 1121 Therapeutic Agents I	3
PTN 1122 Therapeutic Agents II	3
PTN 1930 Community Pharmacy Seminar	1
PTN 1940 Pharmacy Technician Practicum I	2
PTN 1941 Pharmacy Technician Practicum II	3
PTN 1942 Pharmacy Technician Practicum III	3
Credit Hours	27
Total Credit Hours	40

*The **BSC 2010C** prerequisite has been waived for students enrolled in the Funeral Services, Emergency Medical Services and Pharmacy Technician programs.

****CGS 1570** may be substituted for **CGS 1060** or **CGS 1100**.

Record of Conviction of a Crime

Most clinical agencies require students to undergo drug screening and criminal background checks prior to placement in the agencies for clinical experiences. Students whose drug screening and criminal background checks are deemed unsatisfactory may be denied access to clinical experiences by the clinical agencies. Failure to qualify for and meet clinical requirements at clinical sites may prevent completion of the program. Withdrawal from the program may be necessary if students cannot be placed for clinical experiences.

The cost of the background check and drug screen is borne by the student. Additionally, it is the student's responsibility to have all paperwork completed by the program's published deadline.

Students who are unable to complete the clinical requirements after acceptance into selective access programs are not eligible for refunds of tuition.

A physical examination will be required upon acceptance to the program.

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To request information, contact the Learner Support Center at info@fccj.edu or 904.646.2300.

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