

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM



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The Pharmacy Technician Program provides the knowledge and skills necessary for employment as a pharmacy technician in a retail or hospital pharmacy under the direct supervision of a pharmacist. It will prepare students for the National Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam. Basic understanding of medications, prescriptions and terminology, record keeping, ethics, jurisprudence and the role of the pharmacy technician will be discussed. Students will get supervised training. The program is offered several times throughout the year. The Pharmacy Technician Program is offered for non-credit only.

COURSE

A maximum of 15 students are accepted into each class. Individuals are accepted in order of registration.

This is a fast-paced course. Going in, students need strong skills in reading and basic math, including division, subtraction and multiplication of ratios, fractions and decimals.

The course totals 91 hours and consists of 75 hours of classroom work including lecture, tests and hands-on practice. You will get eight hours of supervised training in a hospital pharmacy and eight hours in a retail pharmacy.

COST

- + \$595 tuition
- + Textbook approximately \$80
- + \$44 fee for registering with the Iowa Board of Pharmacy Examiners and background check

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

The Pharmacy Technician A Comprehensive Approach
(ISBN 1-4018-57914)

REQUIREMENTS

- + All students must take the Skills Advantage Work Ready Assessment by contacting Ana Gilbertson at 319-398-7194 or ana.gilbertson@kirkwood.edu.
- + All students must undergo a background check, conducted through the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, before participating in clinical rotations. A felony conviction may prevent you from participating in clinicals. If you have questions, contact the Iowa Board of Pharmacy Examiners at 515-281-5944.
- + In order to receive a certificate of completion, students must successfully complete the course with a cumulative grade of C- or better. You must also attend class regularly. Missing more than three classes will result in an automatic failure. Being late to class by 15 minutes or more will count as an hour's absence and two "lates" will count as a full-class absence.