



Pharmacy Technician

Department: Health Occupations

Degree: Diploma

Entry time: Fall

Length: 2 semesters

- **Kibbie Grant:** Students in this program may be eligible to have half their tuition paid for by the Kibbie Grant. Go to www.kirkwood.edu/Kibbie for more details.
- The program focuses on training the pharmacy technician to be a competent, knowledgeable, and dependable support person in a busy **community retail** or **hospital pharmacy**.
- Students are **trained quickly and efficiently** so they can enter the workplace.
- The **simulation pharmacy** is an extension of the **Katz Family Healthcare Simulation Center** and offers a unique hospital and retail simulated environment.
- **Small class sizes** taught by **experienced** pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.
- The program is a mix of **classroom** education, **online learning**, **laboratory simulation** and **clinical** site experiences.

Program Description

The pharmacy technician, under the supervision of a pharmacist, assists in day-to-day pharmacy operations. Pharmacy technicians work in hospitals or retail pharmacies receiving written prescriptions, taking prescription refill requests, preparing intravenous medications, operating computer and automation systems, applying prescription and auxiliary labels to medication bottles, pricing and controlling inventory, and preparing insurance claim forms. Successful completion of the program will include 48 hours of clinical rotations at hospital and retail pharmacies.

Graduates are eligible to take a national pharmacy technician certification exam, which is required for employment as a pharmacy technician in Iowa and many other states.

Students in this program can apply credits toward an A.A.S. degree in Medical Assisting.

Career Opportunities

Medical clinic pharmacies
Hospital pharmacies
Home health agencies
Retail pharmacies

Scholarships

Kirkwood will help you pay for college! Kirkwood awards more scholarships than any other community college in Iowa. For more information and to apply, visit www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships.

Required Courses

To view the required courses of this program, please visit www.kirkwood.edu/catalog

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