

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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Approved by the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, this certificate program provides students with a foundation that allows them to apply for Maryland registration as a pharmacy technician, and prepares them to take a national certification exam. Unlike other health programs at Allegany College of Maryland, the Pharmacy Technician Certificate Program is not a selective or competitive admissions program, but interested students must possess a high school diploma or a GED. Students will receive theoretical and clinical experience that will prepare them for job opportunities in retail, hospital, and institutional facilities. The program will include safety and drug regulations, drug classifications and uses, dosage calculations, pharmacological terminology, parenteral solution preparation, homeopathic medicinals, and drug dispensing. Potential employers may require a background check for employment.

Students will not be permitted in clinical until the following conditions have been met:

1. A completed health record is on file.
2. American Heart Association BLS CPR and Introduction to Health and Wellness must be taken concurrently with or prior to Pharmacy Technician 101.
3. A Criminal Record Check must be completed upon entrance into the Pharmacy Technician 102 course, and students should be aware that results could affect clinical experiences. During enrollment, any official change or the initiation of any governmental proceeding affecting the information revealed by the required criminal background check must be reported immediately by the student to the coordinator of the program. Students need to be aware that Criminal Record Check results may have an effect on their employment opportunities and their ability to obtain certification.

This is a career program and is designed to enable students to seek employment at the program's completion. If you plan to transfer to a four-year college/university, please check with your advisor and the Advising Center as soon as possible. The Pharmacy Technician Certificate program at Allegany College of Maryland has been designated as a Health Manpower Shortage Program. The Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has determined certain health occupations in the state to be in short supply. The Maryland Higher Education Commission has designated educational programs that correspond to these health occupations to be eligible for the Health Manpower Shortage Program. Maryland residents from counties other than Allegany County who register in this eligible program will be charged the out-of-county tuition rate. However, these students may be eligible to receive reimbursement for a portion of the cost difference between the in-county and out-of-county tuition rates. Funding availability for this program is based on funding from the State of Maryland and is thus subject to change each semester. Some restrictions apply. More information can be obtained by contacting the Admissions Office.

To graduate from the Pharmacy Technician Program, students must not only meet the academic standards of the college, but in addition, must achieve a grade of "C" or better in each Pharmacy Technician course and the Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/ First Aid course.

Successful completion of this program qualifies a student to apply for a College Certificate in Pharmacy Technician.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED PHARMACY TECHNICIAN COURSES

NAGA-101	Introduction to Health and Wellness
PHAR-101	Pharmacy Technician
PHAR-102	Pharmacy Tech Internship
PHED-153	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid

PROGRAM PATH

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

ONE-SEMESTER CAREER PROGRAM

PREPARATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

	<u>Credit Hours</u>
Nursing Assistant 101 (Introduction to Health and Wellness)	3
Pharmacy Technician 101 (Pharmacy Technician)	6
Pharmacy Technician 102 (Pharmacy Technician Internship)	5
Physical Education 153 (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid)	2
Total Credit Hours:	16

NOTE: All courses specifically identified by course number are graduation requirements for this program.

