

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Campus Location

Lemley Campus, Health Sciences Center

Occupational Focus

Pharmacy technicians help licensed pharmacists provide medication and other healthcare products to patients in hospitals and in the community. Technicians usually perform routine tasks to help prepare prescribed medication for patients, such as counting or measuring medications, labeling containers, maintaining patient records, and preparing insurance claim forms. It is expected that demand for trained technicians will increase due to the aging population and the increased use of medications.

For information concerning working conditions, physical requirements, employment and job outlook please refer to the 2008-09 Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>.

Who Can Attend?

High school seniors
Adults

Scheduling Information

High school students
One year program beginning (includes an internship) in August
--Morning session - 7:55 - 10:55 am
--Afternoon session - 11:55 - 2:55 pm
Adult students
--4.5 month program beginning in August and January
--Monday thru Friday, 7:55am - 2:55pm

Entrance Requirements

- High school students
- Adult students (age 18 or older)

Additional Requirements

- Prior to the start of the clinical practicum, students must:
- Undergo a criminal background check including sex offender registration as required by the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act that requires individuals providing care to children under the age of 18 to be free of any criminal history that would indicate a potential for violent abuse against another person. There is a \$15 fee for adults and no charge for high school students.
 - Provide verification of immunizations through vaccination records, titer (blood test) results, or declination statements. A list of specific immunizations may be obtained through the Health Sciences Center by calling 828-1216.
 - Have a current American Heart Association CPR for the Healthcare Provider card -or- a current American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer card.
 - Provide transportation to clinical sites.
 - Adult students must pay a \$22 liability insurance fee for clinicals.

Career Majors

Pharmacy Technician - 495 Hours*

After completion of the Health Careers Core Curriculum (Technology Center) students in this major learn the state and federal laws concerning controlled substances, classification of drugs, and pharmaceutical math. Medical and pharmaceutical terminology will also be covered including how to properly pronounce drug names. Students will also learn the customer service and employability skills necessary to succeed in a retail pharmacy. There will also be an internship, or simulation, component of this major. It is recommended that students obtain their pharmacy technician certification.

Advanced Pharmacy Technician - 600 Hours*

This Career Major builds upon the basic coursework of a Pharmacy Technician including advanced procedures and practice settings. Students will learn aseptic techniques in the pharmacy and compounding skills. In addition to retail exposure, students will become familiar with hospital and long-term care pharmacy environments.

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Tuition

No charge for high school students within Tulsa Tech District.

Adult -\$2.50/hour*

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Books/Supplies

No textbook charge for high school students within Tulsa Tech District.

Adults - approximately \$250. See campus bookstore

College Credit

College credit is available for the majority of Tulsa Tech's full-time programs through Rogers State University, Oklahoma State University-IT or Tulsa Community College. Advanced standing credit may also be granted for some of our programs. The number of hours varies depending on the program length, the college granting the credit, and the student's plan of study. Check with your Tulsa Tech counselor for more information.

Credentials/Industry Certifications

- Certified Compounding Technician
- Certified Pharmacy Technician
- BLS Healthcare Provider
- Certified IV/Admixture Technician

Employment Opportunities

Pharmacy Clerk or Pharmacy Technician with further work experience technician can specialize in Compounding Pharmacy, IV/Admixture Pharmacy, Hemotherapy and/or Healthcare Sales and Marketing

Tulsa-Area Salary

\$9.87-\$14.02/hour

Financial Aid

Scholarships are available for eligible students. Call 918.828.5280 or email financialaid@tulsatech.org for detailed information.

Application Process

High school students see Tulsa Tech career counselor or sending school counselor.

Adult application packets are available in the counseling offices on each Tulsa Tech campus. For any questions regarding the application process, contact Tulsa Tech Admissions and Enrollment office at 918.828.5260, email admissions@tulsatech.org or check out our website at www.tulsatech.edu.

Courses by Career Majors

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Core Medical Terminology
Anatomy and Physiology I
Anatomy and Physiology II
Core Healthcare Provider CPR and First Aid
Orientation to the Pharmacy Technician Career
Pharmacy Law and Ethics
Pharmacology for PhT
Pharmacological Calculations
Retail Pharmacy Operations
Pharmaceutical Terminology
Professional Skills in the Pharmacy
Pharmacy Technician Certification Preparation
Pharmacy Technician Internship

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