

Pharmacy Technician

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About the Program

The Pharmacy Technician two-term certificate program prepares students for work in entry-level positions in hospitals and retail pharmacy settings. Students will learn to prepare prescription orders under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist, perform applicable pharmacy calculations, and comply with federal and state regulatory agency laws and regulations. Upon completion of this program students will be able to perform all the duties required in any pharmacy practice setting. Students completing this program will be prepared to take the national Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) exam.

The U.S. Department of Education requires disclosure of specific information about career and technical certificate programs to prospective students. Data includes Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) codes, graduation rates, tuition and fees, typical costs for books and supplies, job placement rates for students completing the programs, and median loan debt incurred by students completing the programs. For more information visit www.roguecc.edu/GainfulEmployment.

Program Learning Outcomes

The curriculum in RCC courses is derived from a set of identified learning outcomes that are relevant to the discipline. Program learning outcomes for the Pharmacy Technician Certificate program are:

Accurately implement physician orders by preparing, labeling and packaging medications while working under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist.

Demonstrate proficiency in assisting pharmacists in preparing, storing, and distributing medication products appropriate to a variety of pharmacy settings.

Perform accurate pharmacy calculations and proficiently apply computer skills, record keeping and billing in adherence to applicable industry regulations.

Apply verbal, nonverbal, and written communication principles and skills effectively and compassionately within a team setting.

Uphold legal and ethical standards and adhere to principles of patient confidentiality within the health care and community environment as defined by HIPAA.

Maintain industry standards of quality control and safety principles in the workplace.

Demonstrate professionalism through acceptable attitude, organization and time management skills, and attire.

Prepare for the national pharmacy technician certification and licensure as required by state of Oregon regulations.

Entry Requirements

This is a competitive-entry, cohort-based program because of limited space in both hospital and retail pharmacies, as well as the delicate balance of job opportunities in this field. Enrollment is limited.

Students are required to complete the Placement Process to determine skill level and readiness in math, reading, and writing. As part of their training program, students must begin with the courses within their skill level as determined through the Placement Process. In addition, students may also be required to enroll in classes that would increase their employability and success.

Cohort students must meet certain minimum academic requirements (AH100, BT113 or WR115 or designated placement test score, CS120/CIS120 or documented proficiency, MTH60 or MTH63 or designated placement test score), before starting the program. Students must complete specific health and immunization requirements and a background check prior to starting the program, and a drug screen prior to starting practicum experience. This screening process has an associated fee. Contact the Allied Health Department for more information. Visit www.roguecc.edu/AlliedHealth/prx for program details.

Advanced Standing

Coursework from accredited colleges and universities will be accepted in accordance with college policies and the program coordinator's recommendation. In order to ensure coursework is current, program courses over seven years old must be reviewed and approved by the appropriate program coordinator before being accepted toward core requirements. College Now credit earned in conjunction with local high schools will be accepted in accordance with the current agreement.

Graduation Requirements

These requirements apply only to students admitted to the program during the current academic year. Students contemplating admission in a later year may have different requirements and must obtain the graduation guide or catalog for that year. Students must complete all courses on this graduation guide with a grade of "C" or better to continue in and complete the program and receive their certificates. If certain required courses are graded only on a pass/no pass basis, a grade of "P" for these courses indicate a student earned the equivalent of a "C" or better grade.



Prerequisites

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
AAH100	Medical Terminology: Introduction 1	3
BT113	Business English I or WR115 Introductory to Expository Writing or designated placement test score	0-4
CS/CIS	Approved 3-4 credit Computer Science or Computer Information Science class, CS120/CIS120 or above, or documented computer proficiency within the past ten years.	0-4
MTH60	Fundamentals of Algebra I or MTH63 Applied Algebra I or designated placement test score	0-4

Total Prerequisite Credits 3-15

Required Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
First Term		
BI100SB	Biology of Human Systems ²	3
DA202	Infection Control	2
HCI120	Introduction to the Health Care Industry	3
HE252	First Aid/CPR or HE112 Emergency First Aid and HE261 CPR/Basic Life Support Provider ²	2-3
PRX101	Pharmacy Technician I	4
Second Term		
AH105	Communication and Professional Behavior	2
AH165	Introduction to Pharmacology for Pharmacy Technicians	2
BA109	Ready, Set, Work: Techniques for Landing a Job	2
MTH64	Pharmacy Calculations	2
PRX102	Pharmacy Technician II	4
PRX123	Law and Ethical Issues for Pharmacy Technicians	2
PRX170	Pharmacy Technician Practicum and Seminar	3
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TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS 31-32

¹ Required for graduation.

² Students who have completed either BI121 and BI122 or BI231, BI232, and BI233 (the entire sequence of either series) with an equivalent "C" or better grade do not need to take BI100SB.

For more information regarding the program and selection process, contact the Allied Health Occupations Department:

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