

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

APPLICATION & INFORMATION PACKET 2016-2017

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PROGRAM GOALS

UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PHARMACY TECHNICIAN AS DEGREE PROGRAM, THE STUDENT WILL:

- Evaluate the principles, complexities and trends in the pharmacy industry as it relates to the technician
- Describe ethical responsibilities as it relates to the pharmaceutical industry
- Demonstrate communication skills associated with customer service in a multicultural society
- Perform all procedures skillfully and safely.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the normal structure and function of the human body and understand the physiological effects of disease and injury
- Properly calculate medical mathematical equations
- Demonstrate an understanding of his/her professional role as a Pharmacy Technician

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

1. **What is the current pay scale for Pharmacy Technicians in Minnesota? Are there many current job opportunities available?**
Currently, statistics show a median wage of \$30,111 annually for a Pharmacy Technician, depending on the work setting. There are many job opportunities in a variety of settings
2. **What are the different types of settings in which a Pharmacy Technician can work?**
Settings include hospitals, nursing homes, out-patient clinics and retail industries.
3. **What is the difference between a Pharmacist and a Pharmacy Technician?**
Pharmacists do all the evaluations and prescription interpretations appropriate for the patient. Pharmacy Technicians carry out the orders of the pharmacist under their direction. A Technician often has more patient contact and less paperwork than the Pharmacist.
4. **Can Pharmacy Technician classes transfer to a Pharmacist Program?**
None of the courses in the Pharmacy Technician Program will transfer into a Pharmacist program to take the place of Pharmacist classes. However, a Pharmacy Technician AS Degree is very advantageous when applying to a Pharmacy school.
5. **Do you have to take Anatomy & Physiology before starting the program?**
BIOL 1104 – The Human Body is a required part of the certificate program. This course must be taken the first semester of the program.
6. **Can you take the required Pharmacy Technician classes out of sequence or online?**
No. The classes must be taken in a specific sequence as courses are offered on a rotational basis. Failure to take courses when they are offered will require you to wait an entire year before it is offered again. Many of the first semester's general education courses are offered online.
7. **Do you have to have experience working in a medical setting in order to be successful in the Pharmacy Technician program?**
No, but it can be very helpful and is an excellent way to understand what the pharmacy profession is all about.
8. **Where do I go for the clinical internships?**
There are two clinical experiences included in the certificate program. The goal of the clinical internships is to expose the student to a variety of clinical settings. You will be placed both in an out-patient setting, which could be a hospital-based clinic or private practice, and in a retail setting. The internship will be offered in the summer only



PHARMACY TECHNICIAN CHECKLIST

Admissions criteria: All must be completed prior to applying to the Pharmacy Technician AS Degree program

- ☐ TEAS V for Allied Health test –If you have a Bachelor’s degree you are not required to take the TEAS V for Allied Health test and will automatically get a score of 8 on the Rubric in that section.
- ☐ Qualify to take English 1121(through assessment placement or successful completion of English 0950)
- ☐ Successful completion of Reading 0910 or assessment score placement in Reading 0990 or above. If you pass ENGL 1121 with a grade “C” or better you do not need to take a reading course.

Clinical Requirements. (To be completed prior to entering the internship upon acceptance into the program):

- ☐ Background Check (to be completed by program Spring Semester of first year)
- ☐ Drug Test
- ☐ Physical Exam
- ☐ Proof of Immunizations (waiver can be signed for Hepatitis B)
- ☐ Current Mantoux (must be current throughout internship)
- ☐ Current health insurance

To graduate from the Pharmacy Technician program, all classes must be passed with a minimum grade of C:



APPLICATION FOR PHARMACY TECHNICIAN AS DEGREE PROGRAM FOR FALL 2016

Mail or submit completed form to:

Pharmacy Technician Program
Records & Registration Office, Cambridge Campus
300 Spirit River Drive S, Cambridge MN 55008

Welcome to our Pharmacy Technician AS Degree Program!

Thank you for applying to our Pharmacy Technician program. This program leads to your certification as a Pharmacy Technician. Our faculty are committed to providing you with a quality educational experience by integrating theory, lab and clinical practice, supported by general education courses.

Twenty-four students are admitted each fall semester to start the program. The program includes clinical experiences in the summer to finalize the program.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Some of the information required below may be private and/or confidential under state and federal law. You are not legally required to provide this; however, the college may not be able to effectively process your application if you do not provide sufficient information.

Last Name	First	M.I.		
Student ID	E-Mail Address			
Home Phone (w/area code) ()	Cell phone (w/area code) ()	Work Phone (w/ area code) ()		
Mailing Address:	Street	City	State	Zip

I have previously taken classes or been admitted to Anoka-Ramsey Community College. (check one) ☐ Yes ☐ No

I give Anoka Ramsey Community College permission to access my transcripts from other MnSCU institutions.

Name of non-MnSCU college previously attended: (please list all non-MnSCU colleges attended) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applications are reviewed for the Pharmacy Technician program once a year. This one-year day time program based on the Cambridge Campus has a fall semester start. Completed application packets will be accepted during (**February 1- February 28**) each year. A complete application packet must include all of the following items:

- ☐ Application for Admission to ARCC either on file at the college or submitted with this application
- ☐ Official, final, complete transcripts from all colleges attended (each in a sealed, unopened envelope from the attended institution). They must be enclosed with the Pharmacy Technician application packet; ***transcripts sent directly to the college will not be accepted. If you attended other MnSCU institutions those transcripts can be directly accessed by the ARCC registrar office with your permission, see previous page.*** In the absence of college level coursework, high school GPA will be used and must be attached to your application.
- ☐ Any Academic Petitions that have been approved by a Dean of Educational Services
- ☐ Pharmacy Technician Program Application Form
- ☐ Assessment testing—placement into ENGL 1121 or completion of ENGL 0950, or official college transcript showing completion of English at this level.
(Not required if student has passed ENGL 1121 with a grade “C” or better.)
- ☐ TEAS V for Allied Health test

You will not be considered for admission into the program until all of these criteria are met.

If your application is incomplete, it will be returned and you must resubmit it. The college will not accept responsibility for incomplete applications that are not returned by the deadline.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information I have provided on this application form is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

Questions?

Registration Office: call 763.433.1840

Counseling and Advising: call 763.433.1230

Admissions Office: call 763.433.1300

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**If you have been arrested, charged or convicted of any criminal offense, you should investigate the impact that the arrest, charge or conviction may have on your chances of employment in the field you intend to study or on your chances to obtain federal, state and other higher education financial aid.*

To maintain objectivity in the application process, additional items such as letters of recommendation, resumes or personal interviews will not be reviewed or considered.

Application Status Notification

The Records & Registration Office will notify all applicants by mail of acceptance or denial of admission no later than April 15th. Students offered admission must respond within 14 days of notice to accept their seat in the program. Admitted students will be notified of the date and time for the required Pharmacy Technician student orientation, typically held in the summer.

Alternate List Procedure

Applicants who meet the requirements but were not admitted because the program was full will be placed on a ranked alternate list. Students placed on this list will be eligible for admission to the program, if spaces open prior to the beginning of the term. **ALL** students who wish to gain admission to the Pharmacy Technician Program in the future must reapply, including those who are on the previous year's alternate list. (Subject to policy change approval.)

If an applicant is accepted and declines to be admitted into the program, no preference will be given to the applicant should he or she choose to apply in any subsequent year. In order to be considered for admission in any subsequent year, such students will need to go through the entire application process again.

Scoring Process

GPA: _____		10
Scale: 2.0=1 2.25=2 2.5=3 2.75=4 3.0=5 3.25=7 3.5=9 3.75+=10		
Comments:		
TEAS V for Allied Health Score		10
Scale: 60 or below =1, 61-62 =2, 63-64 =3, 65-66 =4, 67-68 =5, 69-71 =6, 72-74 =7, 75-77 =8, 78-80 =9, 81 or above = 10. (Bachelor's Degree =8)		
Academic Standards Petitions:		
Evaluator Comments:		20
Total Score:		

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