

Program Information

Pharmacy technicians help licensed pharmacists prepare prescription medications, provide customer service, and perform administrative duties within a pharmacy setting. Pharmacy technicians generally are responsible for receiving prescription requests, counting tablets, and labeling bottles. They may perform administrative functions such as answering phones, stocking shelves, and operating cash registers. Students gain “hands-on” experience through clinical practice at area health-care facilities.

Program Goals

By completing this certificate, students will achieve the following learning goals:

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

Program Admission

All Pharmacy Technician Program Requirements are offered at the Cambridge Campus. Related Program Requirements: Clinical facilities require students to maintain specific requirements to ensure personal and patient health and safety. Proof that these requirements are met must be furnished by the student. (See Pharmacy Technician Student Handbook).

Completion Requirements

- A minimum of 12 semester credits in courses numbered 1000 or above must be completed at ARCC.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in courses numbered 1000 or above at ARCC.
- A minimum grade of C must be earned in all program and general education requirements.
- All courses requirements must be complete before a certificate will be awarded.
- Students must complete a Certificate Application. Certificate Applications are available online, in the Office of Records & Registration, and in the Advising Center. Submit a completed form to the Office of Records & Registration.
- The requirements of this program are subject to change without notice.

Developmental Courses

Some students may need prepatory courses in English, mathematics or reading. Courses numbered below 1000 will not count toward this certificate.

Related Program Information

- Internship sites may require students to maintain specific requirements to ensure personal and patient health and safety.
- All Pharmacy Technician Core classes are offered at the Cambridge Campus.

Program Requirements: 15 credits

- ☐ PHAR 1100 Introduction to Pharmaceuticals-Lecture/Lab 2
- ☐ PHAR 2100♦ Pharmacy Communications-Lecture/Lab..... 2
- ☐ PHAR 2110♦ Pharmacy Medications Lab..... 2
- ☐ PHAR 2120♦ Drug Use and Reactions-Lecture/Lab 2
- ☐ PHAR 2130♦ Pharmacy Administration and Medical Billing Lab.2
- ☐ PHAR 2297^ Pharmacy Technician Internship..... 5

General Education: 6 credits

- ☐ BIOL 1102 Medical Terminology 2
- ☐ BIOL 1104 The Human Body—Structure and Function..... 4
- OR**
- ☐ BIOL 1106 Principles of Biology I..... 4

For more information about our program graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit the “Gainful Employment Disclosure Report” at: http://www.minnstate.edu/admissions/ge/anokaramsey/GEDT_0152_8588_1/gedt.html.

Program Sequence:

The sequence that follows is suggested for full-time students. Part-time students will need more time to complete this program; many courses are offered in the evening.

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
1 st YEAR	BIOL 1102.....2	PHAR 21102
	BIOL 1104 OR 1106.....4	PHAR 21202
	PHAR 1100.....2	PHAR 2297.....5
	PHAR 2100.....2	
	PHAR 2130.....2	
	TOTAL 12	TOTAL 9

♦ *Course has prerequisite - see course schedule or catalog description.*

^ *Course requires Instructor permission.*

NOTE: You are encouraged to contact an academic advisor at 763-433-1230 for course planning assistance and information about transfer credit evaluation and transfer options.