

# PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

*Lincoln Campus and Online*



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## Diploma

Credit Hours Required for Graduation:  
Diploma: ..... 30.0



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*If you enjoy an orderly and consistent environment, becoming a pharmacy technician could be the career for you. This position is crucial to keeping a pharmacy running smoothly. Candidates need to have attention to detail, client-relations skills and be able to juggle numerous tasks at once. Our program is the only ASHP/ACPE accredited program in Nebraska and will prepare you to meet state requirements for certification.*

## Job Duties

Under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist, a pharmacy technician may perform some of these duties:

- Receive and verify prescriptions
- Prepare both sterile and non-sterile medications for patients
- Price and fill prescriptions
- Complete patient paperwork
- Process insurance claims
- Take inventory and stock medications

## Program Overview

The Pharmacy Technician program provides opportunities in direct pharmacy services and the entire pharmacy industry. The program provides hands-on experience in the acute care, long-term care and retail pharmacy settings.

Students in the program are given one opportunity to take the national certification exam for pharmacy technicians through the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board during the final exam for PHRM1231. This is covered by the student's fees and is eligible for financial aid. Any subsequent attempts are taken at the student's expense.

Students must be admitted into the Pharmacy Technician program to take any PHRM classes.

Online students who do not live in Nebraska must check with their State Boards of Pharmacy to make sure this program fulfills their requirements.

Technicians are employed wherever a licensed pharmacist works, such as an acute care hospital, long-term care, home health, mail order, and retail pharmacy services.



## Top Career Options

- Pharmacy Technician



## Graduate Earnings

Recent graduates report an average starting salary of \$13.36 per hour.

The Pharmacy Technician program at Southeast Community College is accredited by American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)/ Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), 7272 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD, 20814, 301-657-3000, [www.ashp.org](http://www.ashp.org).

Gainful Employment: Please visit [www.southeast.edu/pharmacytechnician-gainful-employment](http://www.southeast.edu/pharmacytechnician-gainful-employment) to view important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attended this program.

2019-2020 Tuition/Fee Rate Per Credit Hour	
Nebraska Resident	\$108
Out-of-state tuition/fee rate	\$129
<b>Estimated Expenses</b>	
Tuition/Fees	\$ 3240
Books	655
Special Fees	707
Tools/Supplies	0
<b>Total: \$4,602</b>	



## Admission Requirements

1. Online application to the program
2. Appropriate math, writing, and reading placement scores
3. Transcripts from high school, GED® or other colleges (if applicable)
4. Complete Program Admission Requirements (see program admission criteria and checklist on program website for requirements: [www.southeast.edu/pharmacytechnician](http://www.southeast.edu/pharmacytechnician))

## General Education Requirements

One course is required from each of the areas below. See the General Education pages for a complete list. These may be transferred in or earned at SCC. These courses must be completed prior to graduation from the program.

Written Communications	3.0
or	
Oral Communications	3.0
and	
BSAD1010 Microsoft Applications I	3.0

## Program Course Sequence

Course #	Course title	Credit hrs
PHRM1120	Calculations for Pharmacy Technicians	4.0
PHRM1130	Operations for Pharmacy Technicians	6.0
PHRM1200	Pharmacology for Pharmacy Technicians	5.0
PHRM1231	Pharmacy Law & Ethical Issues	4.0
PHRM1251	Clinical Education for Pharmacy Technicians	5.0
		30.0 hrs

**Cohort Start Term**                      **Fall (F2F) and Spring (ONLINE)**

## Special Program Requirements

1. Complete mandatory orientation (or an alternative meeting) after being accepted into the PHRM program.
2. Submit a completed health statement form; a current (within one year) two-step skin test for tuberculosis and/or a chest x-ray; and a current (within one year) flu vaccination prior to being placed into a clinical site. The cost (varies) is the responsibility of the student.
3. A current Basic Life Support (BLS) for the Health Care Provider (HCP) by American Heart Association or CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer or Health Care Provider by American Red Cross is required.
4. A Criminal Background Check will be required of each student in the Pharmacy Technician program. SCC will assess a non-refundable fee of \$45 to the student account. Based on the outcome of the background check, a student may be prevented from taking certain courses, accessing certain laboratory experiences, or completing the program. Please note that drug-related misdemeanor or felony convictions will prevent a student from acquiring a state registration, completing clinical rotations, and graduating. Contact the State Board of Pharmacy with questions.
5. Obtain an active registry with the Nebraska State Board of Pharmacy prior to being placed into a clinical site. The cost of \$25 (may change without notice) is the responsibility of the student. More information will be provided at a later date. Please note that drug-related misdemeanor or felony convictions will prevent a student from acquiring a state registration, completing clinical rotations, and graduating. Contact the State Board of Pharmacy with questions.
6. Clinicals must be performed at SCC-approved sites.
7. Students admitted to a Health Sciences program at Southeast Community College requiring a clinical rotation at a contracted healthcare facility will submit to initial drug and alcohol testing prior to the first clinical rotation. SCC will assess a non-refundable fee of \$35 (may change without notice) to the student account.
8. Complete all PHRM courses with a C or better in order to progress within the program.

## Registry Information

On Sept. 1, 2007, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services implemented the following to register as a pharmacy technician in the state of Nebraska.

To work in Nebraska, a graduate must:

1. Be 18 years of age or older.
2. Be a high school graduate or officially recognized by the State Department of Education as possessing the equivalent degree of education.
3. Never have been convicted of any non-alcohol, drug-related misdemeanor or felony.
4. File an application with the Department.
5. Pay the applicable fee of approximately \$25.
6. Become certified within one year of registration.

Other states may have different laws. Consult state statutes to make sure that this program fulfills or satisfies the requirements of that state.

