



PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

EDUCATION SQUARE AND ONLINE

Diploma

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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 details, client-relations skills and be able to juggle numerous tasks at once.

Program Overview:

The program is 12 months, or four quarters, in length. It is the only ASHP/ACPE accredited program in Nebraska. The program is available face-to-face and online and admits a maximum of 30 students in each track.

To ensure successful start and finish of the program, every student must successfully pass, complete, or provide the following: official health statement, including a current (within one year), two-step TB test and a flu shot; a criminal background check (CBC); a drug screening; a healthcare provider CPR; and a registration with the state. Failure to successfully pass, complete, or provide these will prevent a student from taking certain courses, accessing certain laboratory experiences, and/or completing the program.



Non-refundable fees will be assessed for the CBC and the drug screening. All other expenses are the responsibility of the student.

Clinical education may be outside of the Lincoln area and can include day, evening and weekend hours. Travel and lodging is the responsibility of the student.

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 PHRM1241. 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.

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.

Job Duties:

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

- Receive and verify prescriptions
- Prepare medications for clients through mixing, counting tablets and labeling bottles
- Price and fill prescriptions
- Complete patient paperwork
- Process insurance claims
- Take inventory and stock medications

Graduate Earnings

Recent graduates report an average starting wage of \$12.15 per hour.

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Admission Requirements:

1. Application to the program
2. Submit program advising sheet showing enrollment in the final quarter/semester of prerequisite courses or completion of all program prerequisite courses with the required grade-point average.
3. Transcripts from high school, GED® or other colleges (if applicable)

Program Prerequisite Courses:

These may be transferred in or earned at SCC. All courses must be completed with a grade of 75% (C+) or better to progress through the program and a cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 or higher to graduate.

ENGL1010	English Composition I and
SPCH1090	Fundamentals of Human Communication or
SPCH1110	Public Speaking or
SPCH2810	Business and Professional Communication

Program Sequence Courses:

First Quarter

PHRM1111	Communications and Professionalism in the Pharmacy	4.5
PHRM1100	Anatomy and Physiology for a Pharmacy Technician	6.0
PHRM1121	Pharmacy Calculations I	4.5

Second Quarter

PHRM1101	Pharmacology/ Pharmaceutical Products I	4.5
PHRM1222	Pharmacy Calculations II	4.5
PHRM1131	Pharmacy Operations I (includes Lab)	4.5

Third Quarter

PHRM1220	Pharmacology/ Pharmaceutical Products II	4.5
PHRM1232	Pharmacy Operations II (includes Lab)	4.5
PHRM1240	Pharmacy Law and Ethics	4.5

Fourth Quarter

PHRM1241	Professional Trends and Issues	4.5
PHRM1250	Pharmacy Clinical Education	8.0
		63.5 hours



Estimated Expenses

To determine overall costs, students should plan a budget that includes room, meals, clothing, laundry, medical care, recreation and entertainment, transportation, insurance, etc.

Nebraska Resident tuition rate is \$61.50 per credit hour. Out-of-state tuition rate is \$75.50 per credit hour.

Student fee is \$1.50 per credit hour. Graduation fee is \$25.

Housing is available at Beatrice and Milford campuses only. Quarterly tuition, books and fees are dependent upon classes taken.

Tuition, fees and books for prerequisite courses are not included in this cost sheet. Students are required to provide their own transportation to cooperating clinical and field agencies.

FIRST QUARTER

Tuition And Fees	\$945
Books	210
Lab Uniform Fee (Assessed with PHRM1100)	36
Criminal Background Check (Assessed with PHRM1121)	45
Total	\$1,236

SECOND QUARTER

Tuition And Fees	\$851
Books	541
Total	\$1,392

THIRD QUARTER

Tuition And Fees	\$851
Books	229
Clinical Uniform (Assessed with PHRM1232)	43
Total	\$1,123

FOURTH QUARTER

Tuition And Fees	\$788
Books	47
Clinical Insurance	5
PTCB Practice Exam Fee (Assessed with PHRM1241)	29
PTCB Exam Fee (Assessed with PHRM1241)	129
Drug Test Fee (Assessed with PHRM1241)	\$35
Total	\$1,033

Total Estimate For Program \$4,784

ADDITIONAL RELATED EXPENSE

Student Health Statement	\$150-300
Registration with State	\$25
CPR Class (Approx.)	\$60



Special Program Requirements:

1. Complete mandatory orientation after being accepted into the program.
2. Complete a criminal background check.
3. A completed health statement; a current (within one year) two-step skin test for tuberculosis and/or a chest X-ray; and a current (within one year) flu shot prior to being placed into a clinical site. The cost (varies) is the responsibility of the student.
4. A current healthcare provider CPR card prior to being placed into a clinical site. The cost (varies) is the responsibility of the student.
5. Active registry with the state of Nebraska prior to being placed into a clinical site. The cost of \$25 (may change without notice) is the responsibility of the student.
6. Initial drug and alcohol testing prior to the first clinical rotation.
7. Clinicals must be performed at SCC-approved sites.
8. All courses (prerequisite and program) must be completed with 75% (C+) or better in order to move within the program and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 to graduate from the program.

Registry Information

Beginning 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:

- Be 18 years of age or older;
- Be a high school graduate or officially recognized by the State Department of Education as possessing the equivalent degree of education;
- Never have been convicted of any non-alcohol, drug-related misdemeanor or felony;
- File an application with the Department; and
- Pay the applicable fee of approximately \$25

Other states may have different laws. Consult state statutes.