



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. This Pharmacy Technician program is the only ASHP/ACPE accredited program in Nebraska and will prepare you to meet state requirements for certification.

Program Overview:

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

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

Effective January 2017, state of Nebraska requirements have changed to mandate certification. Upon successful completion of the first three quarters, students are considered state certified and are able to work while pursuing national certification.

A full-time student can complete the program in 12 months (four quarters). Classes are available face-to-face beginning in July and online beginning in January. A maximum of 30 students are allowed in each track. Online students who do not live in Nebraska must check with their state Boards of Pharmacy to make sure this program fulfills their requirements.

To ensure a 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;
- 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.

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 paid for by the student's fees and is eligible for financial aid. Any subsequent attempts are taken at the student's expense.

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 \$13.50 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 pre-requisite courses
3. Transcripts from high school, GED® or other colleges (if applicable)
4. Appropriate math class or test score



Program Prerequisite Courses:

These may be transferred in or earned at SCC. These courses must be completed with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 or better before entry into the program.

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
HLTH1030	Structure and Function of the Human Body	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 \$65.50 per credit hour. Out-of-state tuition rate is \$79.50 per credit hour.

Student fee is \$2 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	\$1,013
Books	205
Lab Uniform Fee (Assessed with PHRM1100)	74
Criminal Background Check (Assessed with PHRM1121)	45
Total	\$1,337

SECOND QUARTER

Tuition And Fees	\$912
Books	464
Total	\$1,376

THIRD QUARTER

Tuition And Fees	\$912
Books	70
Clinical Uniform (Assessed with PHRM1232)	44
Total	\$1,026

FOURTH QUARTER

Tuition And Fees	\$844
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	\$1,042
Total Estimate For Program	\$4,781

ADDITIONAL RELATED EXPENSE

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

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 and HLTH courses with a C+ or better in order to move within the program and obtain 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.