

Pharmacy Technician

Training Provider: Baltimore City Community College (BCCC)

Program Address: University of Maryland Biopark, 801 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201
Note: Externship placements will be located throughout Baltimore

Program Description:

During this program, you will gain the key skills for an entry-level position as a Pharmacy Technician. In this 6-month Pharmacy Technician class, you will complete 281 hours of training:

- 30 hours of Pharmacy Calculations training
- 81 hours of Pharmacy Theory
- 160 hours (4 weeks) of clinical Pharmacy Technician training at one of the licensed clinical locations
- 8 hours of CPR training

Potential Job Title:
Pharmacy Technician

Average starting wage:
\$15 per hour

Additionally, you will learn about:

- Reading and interpreting prescriptions
- Defining drugs by generic and brand names
- Dosage calculations, I.V. flow rates, drug compounding, and dose conversions
- Pharmacology (the science of working with medications)
- Basics of compounding (mixing a medicine specially for one person)

This course prepares students to enter the pharmacy field in hospitals, home infusion pharmacies, and community pharmacies and work under the supervision of a registered pharmacist.

Credential or Certification Earned:

By successfully completing all components of this program, you will earn a Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) by the Maryland Board of Pharmacy.

What do Pharmacy Technicians do?

As a Pharmacy Technician, you would help pharmacists in drug stores and hospitals. You typically would serve customers and interact with them. You would also help with processing insurance claims, maintaining inventories, and filling prescriptions. You would be expected to provide exceptional customer service and prepare medications under the direction of a pharmacist. You would also measure, mix, count, label, and record dosages as directed by prescription orders.

This program would be a GREAT fit for you if you...

- Truly enjoy working with customers
- Want to apply math and science to your everyday work
- Are great at remembering and paying attention to details
- Are comfortable with technology

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- Can learn how to safely handle instruments and pharmaceutical ingredients including controlled and toxic substances
- Are interested in healthcare, but do not want to perform procedures on patients or handle bodily fluids

This program and career might be a POOR fit for you if you...

- Have no interest in the health care field
- Do not want to complete a lot of coursework
- Have no interest in working with customers
- Have trouble remembering things
- Struggle in a fast-paced environment
- Cannot stand on your feet for extended periods of time
- Are sensitive to chemicals and potentially hazardous materials



To be admitted to this program, you must:

- Pass a math and reading test
- Complete an orientation
- Submit immunization records
- Pass a background and drug test

You must be willing and able to commit to the program schedule and complete the coursework. You also must have good time management skills, actively participates in class, and respond to communications.



Important Dates: The program will run for approximately 6 months. Class will take place on Monday and Wednesday, 6:30pm-9:30pm. The pharmacy clinical typically runs Monday-Friday with flexible hours based on the student's schedule. Due to the continued need to observe social distancing to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, some classes may be held virtually, or in hybrid form. For specific dates and class logistics, please reach out to the program's main contact.

Main Program Contact:

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