

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN, CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

The Certificate of Completion Pharmacy Technician program prepares individuals for employment in hospital and retail pharmacies. Pharmacy Technician is a category of support personnel and denotes a skilled worker who has been trained to assist the pharmacist in preparing and dispensing medications. This category of support personnel is spelled out in Oregon Administrative Rules 855-41-205 under the auspices of the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy (<https://www.oregon.gov/pharmacy/Pages/Licensing.aspx>).

Entry Requirements

Students are required to complete the College's placement process to determine skill level and readiness in math, reading and writing. As part of their training program, students must begin with the courses within their skill level as determined by the placement process.

Due to the nature of this curriculum and the access to drugs, all students will have to declare themselves "drug free" and be subject to a criminal background check. Any student who is unable, for any reason, to complete the practicum parts of this curriculum will not be able to continue in the program. Drug testing will be done prior to clinical practicum. Graduates may choose to take a national certification examination at the successful conclusion of the program.

This program is currently offered entirely through distance education. All PHAR classes are offered only online. Other courses in the program are offered in the traditional classroom setting as well.

Gainful Employment Disclosure

Southwestern is required by federal regulations to disclose information related to the College's educational programs that lead to gainful employment in a recognized occupation. This information is intended to provide students the opportunity to measure employment outcomes associated with certificate programs.

Gainful employment information for the Certificate of Completion Pharmacy Technician (<https://www.socc.edu/images/ge/pharmacy.html>) can be found online.

Graduation Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 51 credit hours with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better. All courses in this program must be completed with a 'C' or better. One course must be completed at Southwestern before the Certificate of Completion Pharmacy Technician is awarded.

Complete the graduation application process one term prior to the term of completion (e.g., spring term graduates must apply during winter term).

Pre-Program Courses

Students are required to take the following courses *prior to* the program courses, depending on students' college placement information. See advisor for details:

Code	Title	Credits
CIS90	Computer Basics (or demonstrate proficiency)	2

MTH20	Basic Mathematics	4
WR90	Paragraph Fundamentals (or placement in higher writing course)	3-4
or WR90R	Academic Literacy	

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Course	Title	Credits
Fall		
AH111	Medical Terminology I	3
AH121	Body Structures and Functions I	3
MTH60	Algebra I ¹	4
PHAR5470	Introduction to Pharmacy Law	4
WR121	English Composition	3
or WR121H	or English Composition w/Honors	
Credits		17
Winter		
AH112	Medical Terminology II	3
AH122	Body Structures and Functions II	3
BA285	Human Relations in Organizations	3
PHAR5472	Pharmacology I	3
PHAR5474	Pharmacy Calculations	2
PHAR5475	Pharmacy Technician Procedures I	4
Credits		18
Spring		
PHAR280	CWE: Pharmacy	3
PHAR5473	Pharmacology II	3
PHAR5476	Pharmacy Technician Procedures II	4
PHAR5477	Pharmacy Records Management	3
SP100	Basic Speech Communications ²	3
Credits		16
Total Credits		51

¹ MTH65 Algebra II, MTH82 Business Mathematics, MTH95 Intermediate Algebra or higher may be substituted for MTH60 Algebra I.

² SP100 Basic Speech Communications or higher.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program the student will be able to:

- Function as a professional in a pharmacy environment either in a hospital or retail setting.
- Assist the pharmacist in the preparation and dispensing of medications.
- Be aware of the duties and limitations of a pharmacy technician as per Oregon Administrative Rules 855-41-205.

Program Notes

All students in this program are advised to check individual course descriptions for prerequisites.