Begin a career as a pharmacy technician. As a pharmacy technician, you will assist pharmacists with many tasks including assembling medicines for prescriptions, educating patients and managing dispensary supplies. Employment of pharmacy technicians is expected to grow 20% by 2022. Our Pharmacy Technician Certificate Program is designed to train you for a career as pharmacy technician in as little as two months. The in-depth curriculum also prepares you for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board exam.

**Why enroll in our Pharmacy Technician Program?**

**Start a New Career Quickly**
You have six months to finish the online program, but the program can be completed in two months.

**Select How You Learn**
Study in an online, self-paced environment or in class with a group of fellow students.

**Receive Hands-on Professional Experience**
Our program prepares you for a career with an 80-hour clinical externship.

**Get Ready for Industry Certification**
Prepare for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board national certification exam.
Certificate Programs

Our Pharmacy Technician Certificate Program offers an in class or online certificate. The online course is self-paced and includes learning modules, 24/7 mentoring, learning exercises, and labs. The in-class program classes are held on Saturdays only. Although the modes of education are different, the knowledge and training received for each certificate is the same.

**Pharmacy Technician Certificate**
- $1,299 for the full program including an 80-hour clinical externship and all textbooks and materials.*

**Pharmacy Technician Online Certificate**
- $1,399 for a self-paced e-learning course that gives you six months to complete. Access to all textbooks, workbooks, and related course material and an 80-hour externship included.* A payment plan is available for the online certificate through our educational partner.

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Key areas and topics covered in the program

- The history of pharmacy and healthcare
- Pharmacy technician role and responsibilities
- Pharmacy technician certification and registration process
- Pharmacy types including the hospital pharmacy, retail practice, long-term care practice, mail order pharmacy, home care pharmacies, and others
- Drug regulation and control
- Pharmaceutical terminology and related anatomy
- Parts of the prescription and labeling
- Pharmacy calculations and math review
- Pharmacy measures and abbreviations
- Parenterals and compounding
- Basic biopharmaceutics
- Aseptic technique and the handling of sterile products
- Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN)
- Basics of IV solutions and calculating 24-hour supply of IV solutions
- Factors affecting drug activity
- Information and pharmacy resources
- Inventory management and financial issues
- Brand names and generic drugs
- Drug names and drug classes

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