

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN DIPLOMA

Entry Time

Fall or Spring

Award

Diploma

2 terms

The pharmacy technician, under the supervision of a pharmacist, assists in day-to-day pharmacy operations. Pharmacy technicians work in hospitals or retail pharmacies receiving written prescriptions, taking prescription refill requests, preparing intravenous medications, operating computer and automation systems, applying prescription and auxiliary labels to medication bottles, pricing and controlling inventory, and preparing insurance claim forms.

Graduates are eligible to take a national Pharmacy Technician certification exam. National certification is required for employment as a pharmacy technician in Iowa and many other states.

This diploma is eligible for state and federal financial aid.

Career Opportunities

- retail pharmacies
- hospital pharmacies
- medical clinic pharmacies
- home health agencies

Diploma Requirements

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Term 1		
PHR-154	Pharmacology for Pharmacy Technician I ²	2
PHR-165	Pharmacy Technician Calculations and Compounding With Lab ²	4
Select one of the following:		3
COM-222	Communication for Health Care Professionals	
SPC-112	Public Speaking	
SPC-101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	
Select one of the following: ¹		3
BIO-161	Basic Anatomy and Physiology	
BIO-168 & BIO-173	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology II	
CSC-116	Information Computing	3
Term Totals:		15
Term 2		
PHR-156	Pharmacology for Pharmacy Technician II ²	2
PSY-111	Introduction to Psychology	3

HSC-115	Medical Terminology	4
HSC-107	Professionals in Health	2
PHR-173	Pharmacy Technician Clinical	1.5
PHR-175	Pharmacy Technician Operations and Regulations	4
Term Totals:		16.5
Program Totals:		31.5

¹ Must complete either BIO-161 Basic Anatomy and Physiology or both BIO-168 Human Anatomy and Physiology I and BIO-173 Human Anatomy and Physiology II

² Minimum C grade to graduate