



Pharmacy Technician Professional Certification

Offered spring semester, upon sufficient demand.
Courses are online except for the on-site clinical requirement.

As a Pharmacy Technician, you help licensed pharmacists provide medication and other health care products to patients. Technicians usually perform routine tasks to help prepare medication, such as counting tablets and labeling bottles. They also perform administrative duties, such as answering phones, stocking shelves, and operating cash registers. Any questions regarding prescriptions, drug information, or health matters are referred to the pharmacist. When you complete this program, you will have the skills and knowledge required for an entry-level pharmacy technician and will be prepared to take the national certification exam. Courses are online with an on-site clinical component. The program can be completed in as little as one, 16-week semester.

Job Opportunities:

About 72 percent of Pharmacy Technicians work in retail pharmacies that are independently owned or part of a drugstore chain, grocery store, department store, or mass retailer. The other 18 percent are employed in hospitals and a small proportion work in mail-order and Internet pharmacies, offices of physicians, pharmaceutical wholesalers, and the federal government.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics predicts the employment of Pharmacy Technicians to increase by 32 percent from 2006 to 2016, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. The 2008 median hourly wage in Montana was \$13.78/ hr with a median annual salary of \$24,289.

Estimated Program Cost:

One-Semester Certification

Montana Resident Tuition and Fees.....	\$1,506.01
Application Fee.....	\$ 30.00
Books/Supplies.....	\$ 375.00
Fees.....	\$ 6.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 1917.01

Program Requirements:

Course No.	Title	Credits
AH 101	Healthcare Delivery in the US	2
PHIL 238	Medical Ethics	3
AH 140	Pharmacology	2
AH 185	Basic Medical Terminology	3
AH 180	Basic Pharmaceuticals	1
PHA 194	Intro to Pharmacy Practice, Law & Calculations	4
PHA* 194	Hospital and Community Pharmacy Practice	2
Total Program Credits		17



Students completing this program in one or two semesters may be eligible to receive financial aid.



Classes begin January 13th!
For application information, contact Natalie at 771-5132 TODAY!