

Pharmacy Technology Program Curriculum and Admission Requirements

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AWARDS OFFERED: Short Certificate

This program is designed to educate students to assume positions as pharmacy technicians in both institutional and retail pharmacies. Pharmacy technicians work to help licensed pharmacists prepare medications and other health care products for patients. The program provides lab and theory courses, as well as supervised clinical practice to develop the skills required in pharmacy technician practice. The Pharmacy Technology program is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), 7272 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 657-3000. Certification as a pharmacy technician is available through the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board upon successful completion of the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam. Additionally, pharmacy technicians are required to register with the Alabama Board of Pharmacy.

PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Applicants Must:

1. Meet all the general admission requirements of WSCC.
2. Possess a GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Submit a WSCC application to the Admissions Office, declaring Pharmacy Technology as major by June 1. Applications received after June 1 will be considered on a space available basis.
4. Submit official transcripts from all schools previously attended to the Director of Admissions.
5. Submit a program application to the Pharmacy Technology program director.
6. All information must be included for the packet to be complete. Any missing information will result in the applicant not being considered for admission.

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

1. Students will be selected based on their completion of admission requirements and program application date. All other factors being equal, GPA will be the deciding factor for admission.
2. The Director of Admissions will review all applications for completion of admission requirements and will notify students accepted into the program.
3. Upon acceptance into the Pharmacy Technology program, the student must submit:
 - a. A completed physical form certifying that the student is in good health and is able to meet clinical requirements.
 - b. Evidence of Hepatitis B immunization.
 - c. Proof of health insurance.
 - d. A signed consent to drug testing and background check.
4. The student must also contact the program director and arrange for an orientation meeting upon acceptance.

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Upon Admission:

Students will be required to:

1. Submit an annual physical examination form, including proof of Hepatitis B and other vaccinations before being allowed into clinical facilities.
2. Submit proof of CPR certification.
3. Obtain accident and liability insurance (this is available through WSCC at the time of course registration).
4. Undergo background screening and drug testing according to Health Science Division policy.
5. Obtain an Alabama Pharmacy Technician Registration from the Alabama Board of Pharmacy.

Progression

Students must maintain a minimum grade of 75% or better in all major required courses to progress through the Pharmacy Technology program. Students who withdraw from, or are dismissed from the program must re-apply in order to be eligible for admission consideration. Students may apply for re-entry into the program only once.

Short Certificate Program

MAJOR REQUIRED COURSES (26 Credit Hours)

PHM 100 – Introduction to Pharmacy	2	PHM 102 – Pharmacology I	3
PHM 112 – Pharmacology II	3	PHM 113 – Drugs and Health	3
PHM 205 – Billings and Computers	3	PHM 207 – Institutional Pharmacy	3
PHM 210 – Pharmacy Practice	3	PHM 211 – Pharmacy Techn Practicum I	3
PHM 212 – Pharmacy Techn Practicum II	3	ORI 101 – Orientation to College*	1

TOTAL HOURS 26/27*

Semester course schedule for Short Certificate

Fall	Spring
ORI 101*	PHM 112
PHM 100	PHM 113
PHM 102	PHM 211
PHM 205	PHM 212
PHM 207	
PHM 210	

All program courses, with the exception of the practicums, are offered online. PHM 210 is a hybrid course, with all course material available online (assignments, exams, etc.), and students required to visit campus for lab meetings near the end of fall semester. PHM 211 and 212 are the internship courses, for which students are assigned to work in both a retail and institutional pharmacy. Students are required to complete 225 hours of internship during Spring semester.

No general education courses are required for the Short Certificate program. However, students must have a current CPR certification in order to participate in the Practicum courses. *ORI 101 is a college requirement for students who have completed fewer than 12 credit hours of college coursework prior to admission to WSCC.