VINCENNES UNIVERSITY
PHARMACY TECH

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Pharmacy technicians play a vital role in the healthcare team, contributing significantly to the safe and effective delivery of medication therapy. Collaborating closely with pharmacists and other healthcare professionals, they operate in various settings, including hospitals, clinics, and community pharmacies. Their responsibilities are critical to supporting patient care efforts and continue to grow and evolve. Key duties of pharmacy technicians often include:

- Preparing and distributing patient medications with precision.
- Performing dosage and pharmaceutical calculations.
- Compounding sterile medications, including chemotherapy treatments.
- Collecting and documenting accurate patient information.
- Managing third-party billing claims and assisting with prior authorizations.
- Working directly with patients to gather medication histories and perform reconciliation.
- Supporting the management of investigational drug studies.
- Utilizing technology to maintain accurate patient records, medication inventories, and orders.
- Ensuring adherence to regulatory standards and requirements.

WHERE DO PHARMACY TECHNICIANS WORK?

- Community pharmacies (sometimes called retail or independent pharmacies), hospitals, long-term care pharmacies, mail-order pharmacies and specialty
- Pharmaceutical production or sales in the pharmaceutical industry
- Military, government departments, primary care organizations, education and training, veterinary pharmacy, prisons and pharmacy organizations.

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ADDITIONAL INFO

GRADE LEVEL: 11TH OR 12TH

LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 1 YEAR - 1/2 DAY

HS CREDITS PER SEMESTER: 3

HS CREDITS PER YEAR: 6

VU PHARMACY TECH WEBSITE

COURSE INFO

FALL SEMESTER COURSES:

PHRM105 - Pharmacology
(3 Cr Hrs)   T/R 9:30am - 10:45am

PHRM220 - Pharmacy Calculations
(3 Cr Hrs)   T/R 8:00am - 9:15am

PHRM110 - Dispensing Lab I
(2 Cr Hrs)   MWF 8:00am - 11:50am

PHRM211 - Dispensing Lab II
(2 Cr Hrs)   MWF 8:00am - 11:50am

SPRING SEMESTER COURSES:

PHRM206 - Pharmacology II
(3 Cr Hrs)

PHRM115 - Pharmacy Law and Ethics
(3 Cr Hrs)

PHRM200 - Pharmacy Management
(3 Cr Hrs)

PHRM225 - Practicum for advanced level
(5 Cr Hrs)

OR

PHRM226 - Practicum for Entry Level
(3 Cr Hrs)

*FEES ARE APPROXIMATE AND COULD VARY FROM YEAR TO YEAR.

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QUICK FACTS

- Based on the most recent data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) as of May 2023, pharmacy technicians earned a median annual wage of $40,300 or approximately $19.37 per hour. This represents an increase compared to previous years. Employment for pharmacy technicians was estimated at 460,280 positions nationwide, reflecting the continued importance of this role in the healthcare industry.

- The job outlook for pharmacy technicians remains promising. Employment growth is projected to keep pace with or exceed average job growth due to factors like the aging population and increased demand for prescription medications.

- The Vincennes University Pharmacy Technology Program continues to hold accreditation from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), maintaining its standard of quality education in preparing students for this field.

PHARMACY TECHNICIANS ALSO:

- manage areas of medicines supply such as dispensaries
- supervise other pharmacy staff
- produce medicines in hospitals and the pharmaceutical industry

OCCUPATIONS UPON COMPLETION OF PROGRAM:

Students who complete their certificate of program completion are licensed technicians in the state of Indiana and sit for the PTCB National Certification Exam.

DOE CODE:

77137 - Principles of Pharmacy Tech
5274 - Healthcare Fundamentals
7167 - Pharmacy Tech

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION/TRAINING AVAILABLE AFTER COMPLETION OF PROGRAM:

Students who complete their certificate of program completion may go on to get their Associates at VU in two more semesters. On-Campus and Online options are available.

COURSE INFO

FEES:

Verified Credentials: $90 - $120.00 (Drug Screen, Background and Medical Records Management)

State Licensure/Background — $75.00 or less

Books/Scrubs: $400-500

Miscellaneous Fees for Clinicals (depending on location) — $50 - $100

VU Technology Fees*: $20 per Credit Hour

Tuition: Twin Rivers pays <u>ALL</u> CTE course tuition. Student pays for fees and books.

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