

Pharmacy Technician

Diploma Program

Contact Hours: 662

Semester Credits: 21

Instructional Weeks – Full Time: 24

Average Time to Complete – Full Time: 6 Months

Program Overview

A properly trained Pharmacy Technician is a valuable asset in hospital, home healthcare, and retail environments. The Pharmacy Technician quite often assumes a central role in the compounding and delivery of drug products and in maintaining records. The Pharmacy Technician acts as an intermediary between the doctor and the pharmacist and between the pharmacist and the patient. Pharmacy Technicians play an important role in an area where accuracy and responsibility combined with compassion and empathy are of paramount importance. This is a hybrid program where all theory hours are taught online and laboratory classes are taught on campus.

Students may be required by the home campus to attend remediation or tutoring outside of scheduled program hours. Any additional hours will assist the student toward successful academic progress and competencies. Additional time does not replace absences.

Performing math functions competently is essential to safety and accuracy in pharmacy practice. Therefore, achieving competency in math is integrated into the program requiring students to demonstrate progress in math competencies consistently and at regular intervals. The home campus may make the determination to require tutoring, remediation, or further actions, up to and including course repeat or withdrawal to ensure math competencies are met prior to graduation.

Program Mission

The mission of the Pharmacy Technician program is to equip students with the necessary practical skills and theoretical knowledge to be successful in an entry-level position as a Pharmacy Technician. The program prepares graduates to sit for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination. Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing this examination are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take this exam, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

Program Delivery

The Pharmacy Technician program is delivered in a blended format. Courses will be delivered entirely online, entirely on-ground or with an appropriate blend of both online and on-ground hours in the same course. Of the 662 program hours, a maximum of 342 course hours (51.6%) may be offered online. Campuses may have the option to deliver general education courses either online or on-ground depending on local need and availability.

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Externship Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
CPSO1011 *	Career Path Success A	15 (0 / 15)	0	0	0.5
CPSO1012 *	Career Path Success B	15 (0 / 15)	0	0	0.5
CPSO1013 *	Career Path Success C	15 (0 / 15)	0	0	0.5
CPSO1015 *	Career Path Success E	15 (0 / 15)	0	0	0.5
PHAR1110 **	Introduction to Pharmacy Practice Lab	0	48 (40 / 8)	0	1.5
PHAR1120 **	Pharmacology I Lab	0	48 (40 / 8)	0	1.5

PHAR1130 **	Pharmacology II Lab	0	48 (40 / 8)	0	1.5
PHAR1140 **	Compounding and Aseptic Techniques Lab	0	48 (40 / 8)	0	1.5
PHAR1210 *	Introduction to Pharmacy Practice	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	2
PHAR1220 *	Pharmacology I	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	2
PHAR1230 *	Pharmacology II	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	2
PHAR1240 *	Compounding and Aseptic Techniques	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	2
PHAR1250 **	Externship I	0	0	115 (80 / 35)	2.5
PHAR1260 **	Externship II	0	0	115 (80 / 35)	2.5
Total		240 (0/240)	192 (160/32)	230 (160/70)	21

* These courses are offered online.

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