Pharmacy Technician

Pharmacy Technician (AAS Degree)

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Face-to-Face: Wahpeton
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The Pharmacy Technician program is designed to prepare students for careers performing and managing the technical distributive functions in pharmacies and pharmacy-related industries. By doing so, pharmacy technicians allow the pharmacist to concentrate on clinical services such as patient consultation, physician intervention, drug therapy analysis, and other clinical topics. The pharmacy technician performs those functions of pharmacy practice that do not require a pharmacist's professional education or judgment.

NDSCS offers two on-campus program options — a one-year (44 academic credits) Certificate and a two-year (68 credits) Associate in Applied Science degree. Both of these include eight weeks of internship in community and institutional practice settings, which occur after all classroom requirements have been completed.

This advanced level program is jointly accredited by the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP), 4500 East-West Highway, Suite 900, Bethesda, MD 20814 Phone 866-279-0681 and Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), 135 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 4100, Chicago, IL 60603, Phone 312-664-3575.

Students receive classroom, laboratory and practical experience covering community and institutional practice, sterile product preparation, manufacturing, inventory management, record-keeping, medical terminology, and drug products. Students also take courses in communications, writing, psychology and speech that will help provide them with the skills to advance in their careers. Upon completion of our program, the graduate will be eligible to become registered with the North Dakota Board of Pharmacy (which is required for employment) and are eligible for national certification.

Most pharmacies employ several technicians, and opportunities within the field are steadily increasing. Pharmacy technicians are found in community, hospital and home health care pharmacies, as well as research institutions, manufacturers, and other industrial settings. Our graduates have enjoyed 100 percent job placement since our program’s inception in 1994.

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Admission Requirements*
1. High school graduate or G.E.D.
2. Be 18 years of age before completion of the program.
3. Complete the NDSCS admission process and submit an official high school transcript and all official college transcript(s) to the Office of Admission.
4. Submit official ACT and/or placement testing results to the Office of Admission. Results must meet criteria to enroll in English 110 and ASC 93 Math or higher.
5. Applicants without a United States high school transcript (four years), will be required to complete English language proficiency exam(s) and meet the benchmark score(s) prior to continuing the selection process. Contact the program to schedule the assessments if this applies.

Students will be allowed to take PRMT 101 and PRMT 111 prior to admittance.

*Program Admission Requirements are subject to revision. Please check the department or program website under Program Admission Requirements for current information.

Selection process details, contact information and forms are located in the Pharmacy Technician Program Information and Selection Process Booklet available at www.ndscs.edu/pharmacy-tech (click on Program Selection Process) or contact the program at alliedhealthcareers@ndscs.edu.

Award
Upon successful completion of the required courses, students will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science degree in Pharmacy Technician.

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Total Required Credits
68

Credits
Course Code  Course Title

PHRM 123  Pharmacology for Pharmacy Technicians I  2
PHRM 124  Pharmacology for Pharmacy Technicians II  2
PRMT 101  Orientation to Pharmacy Practice  1
PRMT 102  Pharmaceutical Calculations  3
PRMT 111  Pharmacy Law and Ethics  1
PRMT 112  Pharmacy Records and Inventory Management  2
PRMT 216  IV and Sterile Product Preparation  1
PRMT 216L  IV and Sterile Product Preparation Lab  1
PRMT 217  Pharmacy Practice  3
PRMT 217L  Pharmacy Practice Lab  1
PRMT 221  Chemical/Physical Pharmacy  2
PRMT 221L  Chemical/Physical Pharmacy Lab  1
PRMT 231  Pharmacy Internship-Community Based  4
PRMT 241  Pharmacy Internship-Hospital Based  4

Related/General Education Courses:

BADM 234  Customer Service  1
BIOL 115  Concepts of Anatomy and Physiology  3
BIOL 213  General Pathology  3
BOTE 171  Medical Terminology  4
ENGL 110  College Composition I  3
ENGL/COMM Elective (choose one):  3
COMM 110  Fundamentals of Public Speaking  3
ENGL 105  Technical Communications  3
ENGL 120  College Composition II  3
ENGL 125  Introduction to Professional Writing  3
FYE 101  Science of Success  1
HPER 210  CPR and First Aid (Professional/Community)  2
PHIL 210  Ethics  3
PSYC 111  Introduction to Psychology  3

General Education Electives  14

Number of credits required for the Associate in Applied Science degree:

Total Required Credits  68

(Eight of the credits for both programs are experiential hours normally completed during the summer semester.)

Courses with the prefix PHRM, PRMT, BIOL115, and BOTE 171 must be completed with a “C” or higher.

*PRMT 102 has a Math entrance requirement of a minimum ACT score of 19 or completion of ASC 092.

Certificate is also available. Please see separate fact sheet for additional information.

NOTE: It is recommended for applicants to have taken algebra and chemistry while in high school.