

Pharmacy Technician

Your Health, Our Care

Pharmacy Technicians help pharmacists dispense prescription medication to patients and provide information to other health professionals. They greet patients, receive prescriptions, measure, label and package medication, prepare sterile IV solutions and assist patients with insurance billing. Technicians can work in community pharmacies, hospitals, home health agencies, clinics, insurance companies and higher education. Pharmacy Technicians are needed wherever medications are used.

WHY SLCC?

Students receive affordable and comprehensive higher education from faculty that work in the community as pharmacists or technicians. Our small class size promotes individualized attention and peer collaboration. Licensed pharmacists supervise all clinical experiences in working with local pharmacies. Upon program completion, students may choose to begin employment as a licensed pharmacy technician or continue work on an associate's or bachelor's degree in another healthcare-related field. Students completing the 1 year program are eligible to take a national certification examination required for Utah licensure.

The Pharmacy Technician program is a 3-consecutive semester program of 31 credits. Students are admitted to cohorts starting spring and fall semesters each year. Students starting spring semester have daytime classes, usually on one day per week. Those starting fall semester have evening classes Monday through Thursday evening. Included in the curriculum are two clinical rotations of 100 hours each (assigned by the coordinator) in a working pharmacy. Students are required to participate in clinical



rotations. Students earn a Certificate of Completion, 31 credits and 3 general education credits upon completion of the program.

The Salt Lake Community College/Division of Allied Health, Jordan Campus, Pharmacy Technician program is accredited by the American Society of Health System Pharmacists/ Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ASHP/ACPE), email: asd@ashp.org

The Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission (PTAC) is a collaboration between ASHP and ACPE and serves both boards of directors as the accrediting review committee for all pharmacy technician education and training programs.

CAREERS & SALARY

**Median Average
Hourly Wage: \$17.50**

jobs.utah.gov

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

Pharmacy Technician
Certificate:
Three consecutive semesters

31 Program Credits

PROGRAM COST

Approximately \$5,300
including Regular Tuition
and Fees:

[slcc.edu/student/
financial/tuition-fees.aspx](http://slcc.edu/student/financial/tuition-fees.aspx)

MORE INFORMATION

Division of Allied Health
801-957-6200

Program Director
801-957-2612

ADMISSION PROCESS

- All applicants **must be at least 18** years of age.
- Candidates must be admitted as a matriculated student.
- Applicants must have completed the prerequisites.
- Complete the on-line program application.
- For transfer credit, submit official sealed transcripts for all colleges where prerequisite math course was completed.

PREREQUISITES

- Math 980 or higher **must** be completed within the last 2 years with at least a C grade or better. Alternatively, applicants can complete the self-directed math screening at the SLCC testing center and place in Math 980 or higher.



Visit the Pharmacy Technician website for more information at: slcc.edu/

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Admission into the Pharmacy Technician program is selective for student retention.
- All students must earn a C or better in all required courses.
- One cohort of 30 students is admitted every fall and spring semester.
- The curriculum and course requirements may be academically rigorous.
- The nature of a Pharmacy Technician may require prolonged standing.
- Completion of the program does not guarantee licensure as a Pharmacy Technician. Upon successful program completion, graduates are eligible to take a required national exam.
- Students may come in contact with blood-borne pathogens and infectious diseases. Students in the program must follow proper OSHA procedures and practice universal precautions.
- Accepted students are required to attend the mandatory program orientation and new student orientation day.
- Students will be responsible for providing their own transportation to and from clinical sites.

SEMESTER I	SEMESTER II	SEMESTER III
MA 1100 (3) Medical Terminology	PHAR 1045 (3) Communication for Pharmacy Technicians	PHAR 1030 (3) Sterile and Non Sterile Compounding
PHAR 1010 (3) Intro to Pharmacy	PHAR 1050 (2) Pharmacy Computers Application	PHAR 1060 (3) Pharmacology II
PHAR 1015 (2) Pharmacy Skills Lab	PHAR 1055 (1) Pharmacy Billing and Adjudication	PHAR 1065 (2) Pharmacology III OTC Drugs
PHAR 1020 (3) Pharmacology I		PHAR 2070 (2) Clinical Capstone
PHAR 1040 (2) Calculations and Law in Pharmacy Practice		PHAR 2980 (2) Test Preparation
13 Credits	6 Credits	12 Credits