

HEALTH SCIENCE

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INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

Students who successfully complete the requirements for the Pharmacy Technician Program, will be better prepared to take the Virginia Pharmacy Technician examination and the national certification examination offered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB). Students who pass the examination will hold the title of Certified Pharmacy Technician.

POSSIBLE CAREER PATHWAYS

- Pharmacist
- Licensed Practical Nurse/Registered Nurse
- Medical Assistant
- EMT/Paramedic

COLLEGE AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Bryant and Stratton
www.bryantstratton.edu/
- Know How Virginia
www.knowhowvirginia.org/
- Tidewater Community College
www.tcc.edu/
- College Board
www.collegeboard.com/
- Virginia Career View
www.vaview.vt.edu/
- ECPI College of Technology
www.ecpi.edu/

STARTING SALARY

\$30,410 - \$42,190

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition*, Pharmacy Technicians, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/pharmacy-technicians.htm>

**The Pharmacy Technician course participates in the HOSA co-curricular club.



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This one-year course prepares students to assist pharmacists with delivering health care services to clients in a variety of settings. Students become skilled with:

- Preparing/Dispensing Prescriptions
- Compounding Medications
- Preparing Intravenous Medications
- Stocking Medications
- Repackaging Medications

Clinical Internships Sites:

- Retail Pharmacies
- Hospital Pharmacies
- Long-Term Care Pharmacies

PROGRAM CONTENTS/SKILLS

- Demonstrating Workplace Readiness Skills: Personal Qualities and People Skills
- Demonstrating Workplace Readiness Skills: Professional Knowledge and Skills
- Demonstrating Workplace Readiness Skills: Technology Knowledge and Skills
- Examining All Aspects of an Industry
- Addressing Elements of Student Life
- Exploring the World of Pharmacy
- Building a Professional Career
- Communicating in the Pharmacy Setting
- Incorporating Safety Procedures
- Assisting the Pharmacist in Serving Patients
- Maintaining Medication and Inventory Control Systems
- Participating in the Administration and Management of Pharmacy Practice