Pharmacy Technician

This five-month training program and exam approved by the Maryland Board of Pharmacy is offered in the spring and fall semesters and includes in-class and online instruction and 160 hours of on-site pharmacy clinical experience. It is designed to provide information on the duties and responsibilities of a pharmacy technician in a variety of health care settings. The state of Maryland requires that pharmacy technicians be certified. Students who successfully complete this program and provide a background check will be eligible to register with the Maryland Board of Pharmacy. This program is also designed to prepare students for the national Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) exam. See website at www.ptcb.org.

**Required Courses**
- HES-332 Pharmacy Technician
- HES-529 Pharmacy Technician Clinical: Part 1
- HES-530 Pharmacy Technician Clinical: Part 2

**Prerequisites**
- Must be a minimum of 18 years of age
- Have access to the Internet and a working e-mail address
- Have an OWL Link account which is accessed through the college’s website, www.pgcc.edu. For assistance, go to the Help Desk in Bladen Hall, Room 106 or call 301-546-0637.

**Prior to Participation**
- Show proof of successful completion of:
  - Accuplacer elementary algebra placement test with a score of 82 or higher or DVM-0070 and
  - Accuplacer reading comprehension placement test** with a score of 65 or higher
- OR provide recent college transcripts (2 years) showing:
  - Completion of algebra and English or
  - Completion of HES-577 Medical Math with a 75 percent score and the reading placement test
- Provide a copy of high school diploma or GED
- Bring all documents to CHS-2401

**Textbooks**
The required textbooks are available for purchase in the college’s bookstore located in Largo Student Center, Room 116.
- Students must read Chapter 1 prior to first class.
- Students must bring their textbooks to all class sessions.

**Clinical Requirements for Maryland State Certification**
- Completion of HES-529 and HES-530 (160 hours required)
- Background check and drug screening are required prior to starting the clinical.

**The Clinical Experience**
- The clinical coordinator will assist each student with placement.
- The student is responsible for contacting the pharmacist at their assigned clinical site.
- The student will discuss and agree on work hours with the pharmacist.
- Student is responsible for a lab coat for their clinical.

**Scholarship Information**
Professional Education Scholarship for Health Sciences Students (WDCE)
- Application deadline: August 7, 2015
- Mail application to Center for Health Studies, Room 2430

**HES-543 Pharmacy Technician Orientation**
This is a must attend for those interested in learning more about the Pharmacy Technician Program, program requirements, certifications, and job environment. 1 session

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All classes are held at the Largo campus in the Center for Health Studies (CHS).

**For more information about the Pharmacy Technician courses listed, call 301-546-0795 or 301-546-0879 or visit www.pgcc.edu/go/Pharmtek**
HES-332 Pharmacy Technician  9.0 CEUs

The Pharmacy Technician program trains students to work under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist in a variety of health care settings. It combines classroom, online, on-site laboratory instruction, and 160 hours of clinical practice (HES-529 and HES-530) to prepare students for a rewarding career in the pharmacy profession.

Topics will include drug regulation and control; medical terminology; calculations; routes and formulations; compounding; inventory management; computer applications, parenterals; aseptic techniques, pharmacology, and patient education and interpersonal relationships.

For certification, upon successful completion of the course and clinicals, students may register with the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, and are encouraged to take the National Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Exam (PTCE).

Prerequisites: Students must prove attainment of required math and reading skills either by placement testing, recent college credits in algebra and English, or successful completion of HES-557 Medical Math, prior to registration.

Textbook required. Read Chapter 1 prior to first class session.

30 sessions, $995*

Syn# 99025  T/Th  8/25–12/10  6:30–9:30 p.m.  Largo, CHS-2101

HES-529 Pharmacy Technician Clinical: Part 1  8.0 CEUs

This course complements HES-332 and includes 80 hours of the 160 hours required by the Maryland Board of Pharmacy for state certification. Prerequisites: Proof of background check and drug screening must be provided 10 days prior to clinical.

20 sessions, $130*

Syn# 99024  M/T/W/Th/F  1/4–2/29

HES-530 Pharmacy Technician Clinical: Part 2  8.0 CEUs

Continuation of Pharmacy Technician Clinical: Part 1. This course complements HES-332 and includes 80 hours of the 160 hours required by the Maryland Board of Pharmacy for state certification.

20 sessions, $130*

Syn# 99001  M/T/W/Th/F  1/4–2/29

*tuition waiver applies

Workforce Development and Continuing Education (WDCE)

Check out our complete schedule of classes at www.pgcc.edu

1 ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online registration is available to all Continuing Education students. Go to the college website: 
www.pgcc.edu; 
click on Owl Link at the top of the page; 
then Workforce Development and Continuing Education Students.

For detailed registration information, see the Schedule of Continuing Education Classes or call 301-546-0159.

2 WALK-IN REGISTRATION

In-person registration takes place on a continuous basis at the admissions, records, and registration area located in Bladen Hall, Room 126.

Walk-In Hours
Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

You may also register at

University Town Center (UTC)
6505 Belcrest Road, Suite 125
Hyattsville, MD 20782

or

Laurel College Center (LCC)
312 Marshall Avenue
Laurel, MD 20707