

# PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM

The Pharmacy Technician Training Program is designed to prepare students to work as a licensed professional pharmacy technician in the state of Florida. This 24 week program will prepare students for the national Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam. Students will develop the interpersonal skills, communication skills and customer service skills necessary to interact with a diverse patient population.

- Classes begin every 4 weeks!
- Part-time (16 hours per week) for 24 weeks
- Pharmacy Technology Certificate awarded
- Preparation for the PTCE
- Training takes place at the FAU Boca Raton Campus
- Hands on learning
- Low instructor-student ratio
- Tuition includes all books, workbooks, fees, instruction, externship and parking

## Pharmacy Technician Training Program Objectives

Upon completion of the program, students should be able to:

- Articulate the history of medicine, ethical and legal aspects of drug dispensing, the role of pharmacy technicians, pharmacy terminology, and dosage calculations.
- Recognize and/or recall a minimum of 10% of Top 200 learned drug list terms.
- Impart fundamental concepts learned and describe important aspects of core material in their own words.
- Demonstrate entry level knowledge and skills in the area of pharmacy law and ethics
- Demonstrate entry level knowledge and skills in the inpatient practice for hospital and extended care facilities
- Demonstrate entry level knowledge and skills in practice of retail and specialty pharmacies.
- Demonstrate proper aseptic technique according to protocol USP-797, evaluated on a pass or fail basis.
- Demonstrate a base competency of 70% or higher on program exit examination.
- Demonstrate effective communication with clients, other pharmacy personnel, and various medical personnel within the scope of practice and in accordance to State and Federal laws.
- Receive state Pharmacy Technician licensure within 30 days of program completion.
- Sit for the National Certification Exam.

## Enrollment

Submit the online [application form](#) with [application fee](#)

NOTE: Students may apply prior to securing funding, however, funding MUST be in place prior to registration. For more information on personal loans, visit this third party website: <http://www.finaid.org/loans/privateloan.phtml>

Once your application has been received, you will receive an email from the Pharmacy Technician Training Program with further instructions.

## What to Expect After Admission

Once you have been fully admitted and paid the tuition, you will receive a welcome email.

The email will include:

- Orientation date

- Campus map with directions to the classroom
- Class start date

## **Uniform Policy**

Students will be required to wear royal blue scrubs for the duration of the program including externship. One pair of scrubs will be provided to you during orientation.

## **Payment**

Federal financial aid does not cover non-credit certificate programs. Students may choose to pay in full, or select the installment plan.

## **Major credit card**

All major credit cards are accepted. Students can sometimes finance the cost of tuition through their credit cards with better interest rates and payback terms than with alternative lenders.

## **Check**

Check should be made payable to Florida Atlantic University

Checks should be mailed to:

Pharmacy Technician Training Program  
Florida Atlantic University  
Charles E. Schmidt College of Science  
777 Glades Road, SE308  
Boca Raton, FL 33431

## **Tuition**

Our program costs much less than the average proprietary school pharmacy technician training program (\$15,000 - \$20,000). Our curriculum is designed so that our students can complete this program on a part-time basis (16 hours/week) over the course of 24 weeks. We are a Florida Pharmacy board approved program.

Tuition for the Pharmacy Technician Training Program is \$7,600 and includes all books, workbook, fees, instruction and externship.

## **Class Size and Acceptances**

Acceptance into the program is on a first come first serve basis. Classes are held on a rolling admissions basis. Each class has no more than 15 students. Please note that seats do fill up fast.

## **Instructors**

All of the FAU Pharmacy Technician instructors are carefully selected with years of experience in the field. All are professionally qualified by degree, experience, and teaching abilities. Instructors teaching our course are employed in clinical, retail, and academic positions.

## **Pharmacy Technician Requirements (Florida)**

In Florida, you must be at least 17 years of age, pass a background check (have no felonies or misdemeanors), and you must take a Board of Pharmacy Approved course such as the one offered by FAU. Our course not only prepares you to immediately start working in the pharmacy, but also provides competency based training and networking capabilities through our externship experiences.

## PTCB Exam

Please keep in mind that the national PTCB exam is **NOT** required to work as a pharmacy technician in Florida.

The cost for the PTCB exam is **NOT** included in the tuition.

The 90 question PTCB exam consists of the following:

Pharmacology for Technicians	13.75%
Pharmacy Law and Regulations	12.50%
Sterile and Non-sterile Compounding	8.75%
Medication Safety	12.50%
Pharmacy Quality Assurance	7.50%
Medication Order Entry and Fill Process	17.50%
Pharmacy Inventory Management	8.75%
Pharmacy Billing and Reimbursement	8.75%
Pharmacy Information Systems Usage and Application	10.00%

You will be given 110 minutes to complete the exam. You must obtain a score of 1400 out of 1600 in order to pass. Your score will be given to you immediately after completing the exam.

You can apply online to schedule your exam at a testing center nearest to you.

Certification lasts 2 years, during which time you must complete an additional 20 hours of education to be eligible for recertification.

## Class Length

The program consists of 24 weeks (16 hours per week) on campus and a 240 hour externship.

## Externship

We will place you with one of our pharmacy practice partners for your externship. We will place you at a site as close to your home as possible, though that is not a guarantee. Please keep in mind that the more hours you can do each week the better for not only the pharmacy, but also for you as well. The faster you complete your externship hours, the faster you can complete all the course requirements and receive your license from the Florida Board of Pharmacy.

## Drug Screenings

Prior to going to your externship site, all students must have and pass a drug screening. The drug screening is not part of your tuition and costs \$40, [Drug Testing is required](#). Once payment has been made, you will receive your drug screening paperwork, which tells you how to schedule your screening and where you can go to have it completed.

## Requirements to Enroll

18 years of age

High School diploma or GED

No felonies, misdemeanors or outstanding warrants in any state.

We recommend that even if you have a traffic ticket outstanding, you take care of it as soon as possible. Having a clear record will make state registration as a technician much easier.

## **Math Requirement**

There is a very basic math entrance exam (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions). A calculator is permitted.

## **Study Requirements**

You must be willing and able to study an additional 5 to 6 hours per week at home in addition to completing textbook reading, workbook assignments, and online work.

## **Orientation**

All students must take an orientation class prior to the first day of class. You will be sent an email with information on your orientation date. Important information will be addressed at orientation such as the policies on absenteeism, tardiness, dress code, grading, etc. Also, there will be an introduction to Blackboard, the online database to access certain assignments from your instructor. Students will receive a copy of their schedule, a pair of scrubs, and books for the program.

## **Contact**

The Pharmacy Technician Training at Florida Atlantic University Program is housed in the Charles. E. Schmidt College of Science Office of Continuing Education. (561) 409-9031 or (561) 297-6702 [pharmtech@fau.edu](mailto:pharmtech@fau.edu)