

# Pharmacy Technician DIPLOMA

## Program Overview

Pharmacy technicians play an integral role in assisting pharmacists with medication dispensing. Pharmacy technicians work in hospitals, drug stores, and other medical settings. Pharmacy technicians perform a variety of duties that require strong attention to detail. Pharmacy Technicians perform duties such as, entering prescription orders into the computer, preparing medications for pharmacist verification (including measuring and sometimes mixing the medication), maintaining accurate patient records, performing calculations, and providing customer service.

This program prepares students to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam.

## Career Opportunities

Pharmacy technicians work in hospitals, drug stores, specialty pharmacies, and insurance company settings. Employment projections indicate an increase of 32% from 2010 to 2020, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Program Outcomes

1. Graduates will have skills to provide medications to patients including ordering stocking and packaging.
2. Graduates will understand and apply skills in institutional setting in sterile product processing.
3. Graduates will have mastered the general education requirements for work and life.
4. Graduates will be able to perform administrative duties in a variety of pharmacy related workplace settings.
5. Graduates will apply appropriate customer service skills in a hospital or retail based pharmacy.
6. Graduates will be prepared to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam.
7. Graduates will demonstrate an understanding of all regulations that govern pharmacy technicians.
8. Graduates will perform duties as a pharmacy technician in retail and other practice settings.
9. Graduates will demonstrate the ability to prepare and interpret pharmacy orders accurately.
10. Graduates will exhibit work ethic characteristics of professionalism, responsibility and dependability.
11. Graduates will apply knowledge of basic sciences to the practice of pharmacy technology.
12. Graduates will demonstrate ability to communicate with patients, health care providers and colleagues.



Saint Paul College's Pharmacy Technician program is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

## Program Faculty

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### Additional Program Material Costs

Students should expect to spend approximately \$450.00 beyond the cost of tuition and fees for books, supplies, uniforms and liability insurance fee. There are additional fees for the certification exam and Board of Pharmacy Registration (see below).

### Licenses/Testing

- Certification Exam \$120.00
- Minnesota Board of Pharmacy Registration \$35.00

### Application Process

After completing the Saint Paul College application and admission process, students interested in the Pharmacy Technician program must submit a completed Application to Pharmacy Technician Program form available on the Pharmacy Technician Web page: [www.saintpaul.edu/PharmacyTech](http://www.saintpaul.edu/PharmacyTech) and meet the following criteria:

- Completion of BIOL 1730 – Human Body Systems (Must earn a grade of “C” or better in this course)
- Completion of HLTH 1410 – Medical Terminology (Must earn a grade of “C” or better in this course)
- Achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or better

### Admission to the Program

Applying by the priority application deadline (listed on the application) does not guarantee admission to the Pharmacy Technician Program. Being admitted to Saint Paul College does not imply admission into the Pharmacy Technician Program. The Pharmacy Technician Admissions Committee will review each application on the basis of overall academic ability, GPA of college level courses, and performance in BIOL 1730 and HLTH 1410. Students admitted into the Pharmacy Technician Program must attend a mandatory orientation to complete documentation to enter the program.

## Program Requirements

- Check off when completed
- All courses must be successfully completed with a grade of “C” or better.

Course	Cr
<input type="checkbox"/> HLTH 1410 Medical Terminology	1
<input type="checkbox"/> PHAR 1710 Pharmacy Law and Ethics	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHAR 1715 Fundamentals of Pharm Tech 1	5
<input type="checkbox"/> PHAR 1720 Foundations of Pharmaceutical Calculations	4
<input type="checkbox"/> PHAR 1730 Principles of Pharmacy	5
<input type="checkbox"/> PHAR 1735 Pharmacy Medication Tech	1
<input type="checkbox"/> PHAR 1750 Pharmacy Internship 1 - Retail	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHAR 2740 Pharmacotherapy of Disease Processes	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 1: SPCH XXXX	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 3: BIOL 1730 Human Body Systems	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 5: PSYC 1720 Psychology Throughout the Lifespan	3
<b>Total Program Credits</b>	<b>35</b>

## Program Start Dates

Fall

## Course Sequence

The following course sequence is recommended for a full-time student; however, the sequence is not required. Not all courses are offered each semester; a selection of courses is offered summer term. Students should consult with Program Advisor each semester.

### First Semester

HLTH 1410 Medical Terminology	1
Goal 1: SPCH XXXX	3
Goal 3: BIOL 1730 Human Body Systems	3
Goal 5: PSYC 1720 Psychology Throughout the Lifespan	3
<b>Total Semester Credits</b>	<b>10</b>

### Second Semester

PHAR 1710 Pharmacy Law and Ethics	3
PHAR 1715 Fundamentals of Pharmacy Technology 1	5
PHAR 1720 Foundations of Pharmaceutical Calculations	4
<b>Total Semester Credits</b>	<b>12</b>

### Third Semester

PHAR 1730 Principles of Pharmacy	5
PHAR 1735 Pharmacy Medication Technology	1
PHAR 1750 Pharmacy Internship 1 – Retail	3
PHAR 2740 Pharmacotherapy of Disease Processes	4
<b>Total Semester Credits</b>	<b>13</b>

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*Information is subject to change.  
This Program Requirements Guide is not a contract.*

## Minimum Program Entry Requirements

Students entering this program must meet the following minimum program entry requirements:

**Reading:** Score of 78+ or a grade of “C” or better in READ 0722

**Writing:** Score of 78+ on Reading Comprehension or a grade of “C” or better in ENGL 0922

**College Level Mathematics:** Score of 50+ or grade of “C” or better in MATH 0920

**Assessment Results and Prerequisites:** Students admitted to Saint Paul College programs may need to complete additional courses based on assessment results and course prerequisite requirements. Certain MATH, READ, and ENGL courses have additional prerequisites.

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