

# 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.

## 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 professional fees. There are additional fees for the certification exam and Board of Pharmacy Registration (see below).

### Licenses/Testing

- Certification Exam \$129.00
- Minnesota Board of Pharmacy Registration \$50

### 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: [saintpaul.edu/PharmacyTech](http://saintpaul.edu/PharmacyTech) and meet the following criteria:

- Achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or better
- Meet minimum program entry requirements (see page 2 of this guide)

### 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 Program will review applications starting January 15th and accept qualified students on a first-come, first serve basis.



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

## 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 1300 Behaviors for Success and Respecting Diversity . . . . .	1
<input type="checkbox"/> HLTH 1310 Communication in Healthcare . . . . .	1
<input type="checkbox"/> HLTH 1320 Safety Precautions and Awareness of Client Needs . . . . .	1
<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: COMM 17XX . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 3: BIOL 1730 Human Body Systems . . . . .	3

**Total Program Credits . . . . . 35**

*See back of this guide for Program Start Dates & Course Sequence*

### Minimum Program Entry Requirements

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

**Reading:** Score of 250+ or grade of "C" or better in READ 0722 or READ 0724 or EAPP 0900

**Writing:** Score of 250+ or grade of "C" or better in ENGL 0922 or EAPP 0900

**Quant. Reasoning, Algebra & Stats:** Score of 250+ or **Adv. Algebra & Functions:** Score of 215+ or grade of "C" or better in MATH 0910

**Assessment Results and Prerequisites:** Students admitted into 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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### 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
PHAR 1710 Pharmacy Law and Ethics. . . . .	3
PHAR 1715 Fundamentals of Pharm Tech 1 . . . . .	5
PHAR 1720 Foundations of Pharmaceutical Calculations . . . . .	4
<b>Total Semester Credits.</b> . . . . .	<b>13</b>

#### Second 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>

#### Third Semester

Goal 1: COMM 17XX . . . . .	3
Goal 3: BIOL 1730 Human Body Systems. . . . .	3
HLTH 1300 Behaviors for Success and Respecting Diversity. . . . .	1
HLTH 1310 Communication in Healthcare . . . . .	1
HLTH 1320 Safety Precautions and Awareness of Client Needs . . . . .	1
<b>Total Semester Credits.</b> . . . . .	<b>9</b>

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#### Recommended Supplemental Courses:

The following optional courses reinforce the basic skills required for attaining proficiency in performing pharmacy technician procedures.

PHAR 1700 Success Skills for the Pharmacy Technician 1 (First Semester) . . . . .	2
PHAR 1740 Success Skills for the Pharmacy Technician 2 (Second Semester) . . . . .	2
PHAR 1800 Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam Prep (Summer) . . . . .	1