

The Career Certificate (C.C.) in Pharmacy Technician prepares students for employment as competent, confident entry-level pharmacy technicians.

The program focuses on planning, management, finance, technical and production skills, underlying principles of technology, labor issues, community issues and health, safety, and environmental issues.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Task
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete an academic degree plan with your program advisor.
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow up with an advisor about any prior credits that you may have earned (e.g., coursework, military experience, work experience, licensure/certification exams, etc.).
<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfy the career certificate graduation requirements.

Career Options

As a certified pharmacy technician (CPhT), other career positions can include, pharmacy technician instructor, a hospital day lead technician or a pharmacy affairs program manager, or a pharmaceutical representative. If you are interested in furthering your education, you could use your pharmacy tech experience as a stepping stone to advance into a career as a pharmacist.

Note: If you are considering employment in a state other than Florida, please visit <https://www.fscj.edu/academics/license-disclose> to determine if this program will meet the selected state's requirements to sit for licensure or certification testing.

Adult Basic Skills

Adult Basic Skills are a major criterion in students' completion of the program. For additional information, please see an advisor.

Application Procedure

This is a Limited Access program. Students must follow the application procedure outlined in the current College Catalog. Additional information is available in the program application, which may be accessed at <https://www.fscj.edu/5771>. The **application deadline** is May 15 each year with classes starting in fall term.

Advising

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Sample Roadmap

This roadmap provides general guidance about required courses. For specific guidance about your individual academic degree plan, please see an advisor. Also refer to the College Catalog and class schedules for additional information. **This program is offered for full-time student enrollment.**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Contact Hours	Weeks Per Course
<input type="checkbox"/>	HSC 0003: Basic Healthcare Worker	90	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTN 0084: Pharmacy Technician 1	280	10
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTN 0084L: Pharmacy Technician Lab 1	80	2.9
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTN 0085: Pharmacy Technician 2	120	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTN 0085L: Pharmacy Technician Lab/Practicum 2	180	6.4
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTN 0086: Pharmacy Technician 3	50	1.7
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTN 0086L: Pharmacy Technician Lab/Practicum 3	250	8.9

Total Program Hours

Students considering a Career Certificate in **Pharmacy Technician** should be aware that the program requires **1050 contact/clock hours** that must be completed and documented. Students should also understand and accept the attendance requirements prior to enrolling in this career certificate program. This career certificate program **is eligible** for financial aid.

Important for You to Know

See the College Catalog for information about required background and drug screening, as well as physical examination and immunization requirements.

Related Industry Certifications

Upon completion of this program, program completers are encouraged to take the National Pharmacy Technician Certification (NPTC) exam offered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB). This certification is highly recommended in obtaining employment. Additional information is available in the College Catalog.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the healthcare delivery system and health occupations.
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate and use interpersonal skills effectively and understand legal and ethical responsibilities.
- Recognize and practice safety, security procedures, and respond to emergency situations.
- Demonstrate knowledge of blood borne diseases, including HIV/AIDS.
- Prepare and deliver medications.
- Repackage unit dose medications.
- Prepare United States Pharmacopeia (USP) 797 and USP 800 sterile products.
- Identify pharmaceutical abbreviations and terminology as related to Community Pharmacy Practice.
- Practice human relations.
- Identify medical and legal considerations in various pharmacy settings.
- Perform clerical duties as related to Pharmacy Practice.
- Demonstrate knowledge of basic pharmaceutical chemistry and drug classification.
- Demonstrate knowledge of inventory management.
- Initiate and calculating techniques as it relates to United States Pharmacopeia (USP) 795 (non-sterile) compounding in pharmacy practice.
- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of pharmaceutical chemistry as it relates to human physiology.