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# Allied Health Education Pharmacy Technician Certificate Program Requirements 2011-2012

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Student ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Description** The Pharmacy Technician Training Program prepares students for the role of support personnel in hospital, community and other pharmacy settings. Pharmacy technicians provide assistance to the pharmacist in a variety of technical tasks involving the packaging, distribution, compounding, labeling, and recording of drugs. Knowledgeable, experienced professionals will guide students in their clinical coursework, which is supervised by the college.

The Pharmacy Technician Program is a three-quarter instructional and clinical program with preliminary requirements that should be completed before program entry. Admission to the program is outlined in two stages: preliminary requirements and final program admission.

**Degree Outcomes** The competencies incorporated into this course of study were based on established skill standards at the state level. Each module describes the specific skills the students will gain in that portion of the course. Outcomes for Edmonds Community College degrees and certificates can be found in the online college catalog at the bottom of each degree or certificate. To find specific outcomes, click on the degree or certificate from the program list in the online catalog at <http://catalog.edcc.edu>.

**Common Course Numbering Changes** Please refer to [www.edcc.edu/ccn](http://www.edcc.edu/ccn) for more information.

**Credit/Grade Requirements** This Certificate requires successful completion of a minimum of **39** credits as outlined. A minimum of 30 credits or one-third of the required credits, whichever is less, must be earned at Edmonds Community College. Students are required to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in all college-level courses.

Students must achieve a grade of 2.5 or higher in all Pharmacy Technician courses. Upon completion of the program, students must pass the *National Certification Exam* before receiving license. Visit <http://www.nationaltechexam.org> or <https://www.ptcb.org> for more information. Required program courses may only be repeated once.

**Prerequisites** Applicants must be 18 years of age and provide proof of graduation from an accredited high school or GED. Proof of completion of the prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of 2.0 or equivalent is required to enroll in the certificate classes. Course substitutions are allowed. Students with previous healthcare training may be able to waive prerequisites on adviser approval. Students must see their Allied Health program adviser to complete this process.

**Students must apply to the Washington State Department of Health – Board of Pharmacy to obtain licensure as a Pharmacy Assistant before entering into Clinical Work Experience. This will include a criminal background check. Some employers/externship sites may require a drug test prior to employment.**

In the clinical/work environment, candidates must

- Verify immunizations, tuberculin status and/or chest x-ray
- Be able to lift 10 to 20 pounds repetitively
- Be able to stand, reach, grasp, and use fine motor skills often\*

**\*Physical requirements may change depending on the individual situation and accommodations**

**Students are advised to**

- Plan their schedule several quarters in advance in order to accommodate courses that are offered only once or twice a year
- Review the college catalog for required course prerequisites and include these in schedule planning
- Communicate with a faculty adviser

**Graduation Application** A completed Graduation Application form must be submitted to Enrollment Services by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the quarter in which the student expects to graduate. Forms are available at Enrollment Services located in Lynnwood Hall, or online at [www.edcc.edu/credentials/](http://www.edcc.edu/credentials/)

**Advisers** The advisers for this program are

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**College Resources**

Department Website	<a href="http://ahe.edcc.edu">http://ahe.edcc.edu</a>
Home Page	<a href="http://www.edcc.edu">http://www.edcc.edu</a>
How to Enroll	<a href="http://getstarted.edcc.edu">http://getstarted.edcc.edu</a>
Advising appointments	425-640-1458
College Bookstore	<a href="http://bookstore.edcc.edu">http://bookstore.edcc.edu</a>

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**Prerequisites** (Minimum 17 credits)

The following courses are required before beginning any of the certifications. Substitutions are allowed and students with previous health care training may be able to waive prerequisites on adviser approval.

Course			Qtr	Credit	Grade
AHE	110	The Human Body-Structure and Function	_____	5	_____
AHE	115	CPR – Allied Health <b>OR</b>	_____	1	_____
HLTH	105	Emergency Response/CPR	_____	4	_____
AHE	116	Intro to Health Care	_____	4	_____
BSTEC	104	Medical Terminology	_____	3	_____
BSTEC	129	PC Basics <b>OR</b>	_____	3	_____
BSTEC	130	Computer Fundamentals <b>OR</b>	_____	5	_____
CIS	100	Intro to Business Computing	_____	5	_____
SHS	170	HIV/AIDS Training for Healthcare Professionals	_____	1	_____

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Adviser's Signature

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Date

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Dean's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

- This program may be completed in 1 year (including prerequisites) or you may complete on a part time basis
- Courses need to be taken in a specific order, be sure to contact your program advisor for specific course choices
- Pharmacy Technician Certificate Requirements (39 credits)

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**First Quarter**

AHE	170	Orientation to Pharmacy Practice	_____	2	_____
AHE	171	Pharmacy Law and Ethics	_____	2	_____
AHE	172	Pharmacy Terminology I	_____	3	_____
AHE	173	Applied Pharmacology I	_____	5	_____

**Second Quarter**

AHE	174	Applied Pharmacology II	_____	5	_____
AHE	175	Pharmaceutical Calculations	_____	3	_____
AHE	176	Prescription Processing	_____	5	_____

**Third Quarter**

AHE	177	Over the Counter Drugs	_____	2	_____
AHE	178	Hospital Procedures/IV/Unit Dose	_____	4	_____
AHE	191	Pharmacy Clinical	_____	8	_____

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Adviser's Signature

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Date

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