

Pharmacy Technician (Certificate of Technical Studies)

The Pharmacy Technician program prepares students for employment in pharmacies, hospitals, and related locations and meets the requirements of the Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy. Upon completion of this competency-based program, students are eligible to take the National Pharmacy Technician Certification exam offered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board.

Admission Criteria

Program applicants must meet or exceed the following placement scores: ACT Reading 15, Math 15, and English 14, or appropriate BRCC placement test scores.

Application Process

Students must be admitted to Baton Rouge Community College with eligibility to enroll in technical courses. Applicants must have a high school diploma from a regionally accredited institution or a General Educational Development (GED) diploma.

Students admitted to the Pharmacy Technician program will receive additional instructions regarding program requirements that include but are not limited to submission of: a TB skin test and urine drug screen. A positive urine drug screen or any attempt to tamper with a specimen may disqualify an applicant and/or result in dismissal from the program. Costs for all requirements are borne by the student.

Criminal Background Check

Students must pass a state criminal background check prior to enrollment.

To receive the Certificate of Technical Studies, Pharmacy Technician, the student must earn a “C” or better in all program courses.

Program Outcomes. Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate will be able to:

1. Demonstrate career readiness, including effective communication with other health professionals and patients, proper telephone etiquette, protocol, required identification, and professional attire.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of pharmacy laws and regulations as they pertain to pharmacy technician responsibilities, including application of procedures of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and state requirements for controlled substances and the role of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and the regulations that pertain to pharmacy technicians.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of drug nomenclature, an understanding of the classes of drugs, the various dosage forms and issues pertaining to their stability, the various factors that could affect drug activity, and proficiency in the dispensing of drugs.
4. Perform duties of the pharmacy technician including the process of prescriptions and/or medication orders, the maintenance of a patient profile/information system as directed by a pharmacist, proper procedure for materials management including ordering, receiving, and storing drugs, manufacturer drug labels, and inventory control and accountability for drugs.
5. Demonstrate knowledge and skills needed to be successful on the National Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination.

Program of Study

		Semester Credit Hours	Semester Contact Hours
HPHM 1200	Pharmacy Technician Fundamentals	3	45
HPHM 1300	Pharmacy Law and Ethics	3	45
HPHM 1400	Fundamentals of Dosage Calculations	2	60
HPHM 1503	Pharmacology I	5	210
HPHM 1513	Pharmacology II	5	210
HPHM 2000	Professionalism for Pharmacy Technicians	3	75
HPHM 2013	Certification Review	2	120
HPHM 2014	Advanced Dosage Calculations	2	120
HPHM 2022	Pharmacy Clinical Externship	7	315
Totals:		32	1200

	Fall Start: Semester Credit Hours	Semester Contact Hours
First Semester		
HPHM 1200	3	45
HPHM 1300	3	45
HPHM 1400	2	60
HPHM 1503	5	210
Total:	13	360
Second Semester		
HPHM 1513	5	210
HPHM 2000	3	75
HPHM 2013	2	120
HPHM 2014	2	120
Total:	12	525
Third Semester		
HPHM 2022	7	315
Total:	7	315

	Spring Start: Semester Credit Hours	Semester Contact Hours
First Semester		
HPHM 1200	3	45
HPHM 1300	3	45
HPHM 1400	2	60
HPHM 1503	5	210
Total:	13	360
Second Semester		
HPHM 1513	5	210
HPHM 2000	3	75
Total:	8	285
Third Semester		
HPHM 2013	2	120
HPHM 2014	2	120
HPHM 2022	7	315
Total:	11	555

For more information, contact the Pharmacy Technician office at (225) 421-3801, or the Division of Nursing and Allied Health Advisor at 225-216-8879.