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.

☑ Task
☐ Complete an academic degree plan with your program advisor.
☐ 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.).
☐ 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.

Application Procedure

This is a Limited Access program. In addition to the College's online application, applicants must complete the Pharmacy Technician program application. The application is available on the FSCJ Pharmacy Technician webpage at https://fscj.edu/5771. The application deadline is May 15 each year with classes starting in fall term.

Advising

(904) 997-2538 or kkelley@fscj.edu.

Recommended Roadmap

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

☑	Course: Course Title	Contact Hours	Number of Weeks Per Course	Available Modalities
☐	HSC 0003: Basic Healthcare Worker	90	3	On-Campus
☐	PTN 0084: Pharmacy Technician 1	280	10	On-Campus
☐	PTN 0084L: Pharmacy Technician Lab 1	80	2.9	On-Campus
☐	PTN 0085: Pharmacy Technician 2	120	4	On-Campus
☐	PTN 0085L: Pharmacy Technician Lab/Practicum 2	180	6.4	On-Campus
☐	PTN 0086: Pharmacy Technician 3	50	1.7	On-Campus
☐	PTN 0086L: Pharmacy Technician Lab/Practicum 3	250	8.9	Off Site

Total Program Credit 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 Pharmacy Technician clock-hour program is eligible for financial aid.

Important for You to Know

Test of Adult Basic Education: The Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) is a major criterion in students' completion of the program. To earn the Career Certificate, students must achieve or surpass the designated exit score(s) on the TABE or qualify for a TABE Waiver. Students with prior coursework, test scores or licensing may qualify for a TABE Waiver and can visit or contact any FSCJ Assessment and Certification Center to have the waiver processed and added to their individual student record. For students who do not meet the required TABE scores and who therefore need assistance to meet this exit requirement, the College offers remediation in basic skills through Adult Education.

Upon acceptance into the pharmacy technician program:

1. Successful completion of the background and drug screening process will be required upon acceptance into the program.
2. A physical examination will be required upon acceptance into the program. Practicum experience is required part of the Pharmacy Technician program. In order to participate in a hospital or medical office-based clinical, a student will be expected to submit health history information (physical exam), proof of immunizations, proof of immunity, successful drug screen, and background screening. To ensure employability in the widest possible manner, all students are required to submit drug screening and criminal background check results and a physical exam to the Pharmacy Technician program prior to enrolling.

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.

Related Industry Certifications

Upon completion of this program, students will be prepared for the following certifications or licenses:

- 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. To work in the state of Florida, a pharmacy technician must be registered. Program completers who are successful on the Certified Pharmacy Technician exam can also apply for registration through the Florida Board of Pharmacy. The annual pass rate of first-time test takers on the NPTC for this institution is 93% and for the most recent thirteen-year period can be found on the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board website at ptcb.org/about-ptcb/annual-progress-report#.VE-2F01OX4a.

- 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.