

About the Program

The Career Certificate (C.C.) in Pharmacy Technician prepares students for employment as competent, confident entry-level pharmacy technicians. For more information about this program, visit fscj.edu/5771.

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

Upon completion of this program, graduates 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 Requirements

This program is offered for full-time enrollment and 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 program is **eligible** for financial aid.

Adult Basic Skills

Adult Basic Skills are a major criterion in a student's completion of the program. In order to earn the Career Certificate, students must achieve or surpass the designated exit score(s) on an approved adult basic skills assessment or qualify for a waiver. Program exit scores are available on the Assessment and Certification website at fscj.edu/assessment-and-certification/available-assessments/tabe/tabe-certificate. Online resources and Academic Skills Building (ASB) coursework in Mathematics and Reasoning Through Language Arts are available for student who need assistance in order to meet the exit requirement(s).

Application Procedure

This is a Limited Access Program. Admission to this program is limited and is based on academic performance and other criteria. Upon acceptance into the pharmacy technician program:

- ☐ Successful completion of the background and drug screening process will be required upon acceptance into the program.
- ☐ 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.

In order to obtain licensing as a Pharmacy Technician, a student will be expected to submit health history information. To ensure employability in the widest possible manner, all students are required to submit a physical exam to the Pharmacy Technician program prior to enrolling.

Some practice settings may have additional requirements including health insurance, a volunteer application, references, fingerprinting and background check, drug testing, and/or an interview prior to the start of the clinical experience. The additional requirements are the responsibility of the student, including expenses.

The cost of the background check(s) and drug screen(s) is borne by the student. Additionally, it is the student's responsibility to have all paperwork completed by the program's published deadline.

It is recommended that students have a conference with the program advisor prior to applying to the program. To meet the minimum requirements for consideration and acceptance to the Pharmacy Technician program, students must:

- ☐ Complete a Florida State College at Jacksonville application.
- ☐ Complete a Pharmacy Technician program application.
- ☐ Provide evidence of current CPR certification (adult, child and infant) achieved through an [American Heart Association approved](#) Basic Life Support (BLS) course for Health Care Providers that includes hands-on simulated experiences.
- ☐ Submit one of the following to student records:
 - a. An official (unopened) high school completion transcript (no diplomas); or
 - b. An official copy of GED® test scores (a copy will be made and the original returned to the applicant); or
 - c. College transcript (a minimum of 12 college credits must have been completed if using college GPA). Note: Florida State College at Jacksonville transcripts can be unofficial. Transcripts from outside colleges must be official (unopened).

Application Deadline

The application deadline(s) are available on the Pharmacy Technician website at fscj.edu/5771.

Career Certificate Graduation Requirements

- ☐ Fulfill all academic requirements for the chosen program of study as outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.
- ☐ Earn the required number of clock hours for the chosen program of study with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) on a 4.0 scale in all courses that apply to the chosen program of study.
- ☐ Complete a minimum of 25 percent of the total clock hours required for the certificate program as a student at Florida State College at Jacksonville.
- ☐ Fulfill all obligations, financial or otherwise, to the College before graduating.
- ☐ Meet or exceed the program's exit requirement(s), if applicable, or meet the criteria to earn a waiver.

Catalog Year

This document is prepared for students with a **2025-26 College Catalog year**. Students who enter under the 2025-26 catalog will be assigned to the degree or certificate requirements in effect during the 2025-26 academic year. The student's assigned catalog year will remain in effect as long as the student maintains continuous enrollment. Changes to requirements as mandated by law or by rule of the District Board of Trustees may supersede this provision.

To maintain continuous enrollment, a student must have registration for, and successful completion of, at least one course within a three-term period. After three consecutive terms of no enrollment, the student will be discontinued from the current program of study and will need to apply to FSCJ to reenter under the same program of study. Upon readmission, the student will be assigned to the current catalog of record in the chosen program.

Curriculum

A minimum grade of C or higher must be achieved in all professional coursework.

Prior to enrolling in classes, students are strongly encouraged to **meet with an advisor** to develop an individual academic plan.

☐ HSC 0003 - Basic Healthcare Worker, Contact Hours: 90.	Grade Earned: _____
☐ PTN 0084 - Pharmacy Technician 1, Contact Hours: 280.	Grade Earned: _____
☐ PTN 0084L - Pharmacy Technician Lab 1, Contact Hours: 80.	Grade Earned: _____
☐ PTN 0085 - Pharmacy Technician 2, Contact Hours: 120.	Grade Earned: _____
☐ PTN 0085L - Pharmacy Technician Lab/Practicum 2, Contact Hours: 180.	Grade Earned: _____
☐ PTN 0086 - Pharmacy Technician 3, Contact Hours: 50.	Grade Earned: _____
☐ PTN 0086L - Pharmacy Technician Lab/Practicum 3, Contact Hours: 250.	Grade Earned: _____

Course Requirements

Prerequisites, corequisites, and conditions for any course are subject to change. Students must meet the prerequisite and corequisite requirements of any course at the time the student attempts to register for that course. If you have questions about the prerequisites, corequisites, or conditions for a course, please contact any academic advisor.

Professional Courses

Complete all of the following courses.

HSC 0003 - Basic Healthcare Worker, Contact Hours: 90. [Prerequisite\(s\)](#): None. [Corequisite\(s\)](#): None. [Conditions](#): None.

PTN 0084 - Pharmacy Technician 1, Contact Hours: 280. [Prerequisite\(s\)](#): HSC 0003. [Corequisite\(s\)](#): PTN 0084L. [Conditions](#): This course is part of a clock hour program and only those designated by the program manager may register the student.

PTN 0084L - Pharmacy Technician Lab 1, Contact Hours: 80. [Prerequisite\(s\)](#): HSC 0003. [Corequisite\(s\)](#): PTN 0084. [Conditions](#): None.

PTN 0085 - Pharmacy Technician 2, Contact Hours: 120. [Prerequisite\(s\)](#): HSC 0003, PTN 0084, and PTN 0084L. [Corequisite\(s\)](#): PTN 0085L. [Conditions](#): None.

PTN 0085L - Pharmacy Technician Lab/Practicum 2, Contact Hours: 180. [Prerequisite\(s\)](#): HSC 0003, PTN 0084, PTN 0084L. [Corequisite\(s\)](#): PTN 0085. [Conditions](#): None.

PTN 0086 - Pharmacy Technician 3, Contact Hours: 50. [Prerequisite\(s\)](#): HSC 0003, PTN 0085, and PTN 0085L. [Corequisite\(s\)](#): PTN 0086L. [Conditions](#): None.

PTN 0086L - Pharmacy Technician Lab/Practicum 3, Contact Hours: 250. [Prerequisite\(s\)](#): HSC 0003, PTN 0085, and PTN 0085L. [Corequisite\(s\)](#): PTN 0086. [Conditions](#): None.