**Pharmacy Technician Program Certificate**

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The Pharmacy Technician program is designed to prepare students for careers performing and managing the technical distributive functions in pharmacies and pharmacy-related industries. By doing so, pharmacy technicians allow the pharmacist to concentrate on clinical services such as patient consultation, physician intervention, drug therapy analysis, and other clinical topics. The pharmacy technician performs those functions of pharmacy practice that do not require a pharmacist’s professional education or judgment.

TMCC offers a 9-month (31 credits) Certificate. The minimum qualifications to complete a certificate is a C or better in all Program Core Classes. This certificate includes 360 hours of internship in community and hospital settings. This program follows the requirements put for by the American Society of Heath Systems-Pharmacist (ASHP).

Students receive classroom, laboratory and practical experience covering community and institutional practice, sterile product preparation, manufacturing, inventory management and record-keeping, medical terminology and drug products. Upon completion of our program, the graduate will be registered with the North Dakota Board of Pharmacy (which is required for employment) and are eligible for national certifications.

Completed application for a federal criminal background checks will be required prior to internships. A previous felony conviction, alcohol or drug related misdemeanor may affect internship placements. The applicant must visit with the department chair regarding this issue if it applies.

By partnering with [PioneerRx Pharmacy Software](https://www.pioneerrx.com/Web/pharmacy-software/), our program allows students to learn in a real-world environment using the most installed software for independent pharmacies. Students enhance their clinical and functional skills by training in a [pharmacy system](https://www.pioneerrx.com/Web/pharmacy-system/) that is innovative, robust, and feature-rich. Read what current pharmacy leaders are saying about PioneerRx at [Pharmacy Software Reviews](http://www.pharmacysoftwarereviews.com/).

**Career Opportunities**

Most pharmacies employ several technicians, and opportunities within the field are steadily increasing. Pharmacy technicians are found in community, hospital and home health care pharmacies, as well as research institutions, manufacturers, and other industrial settings.

With a Pharmacy Technician Certificate, you can seek employment in a wide variety of practice settings, including community pharmacies, hospitals, the military, in-home health care settings, long term care facilities, mail service pharmacies and managed health care organizations.

Labor Market Information: According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the average salary for 2020 is $35,100 per year or $16.87 per hour.

**Program Outcomes**

1. Student will perform proficiently and professionally as a Pharmacy Technician in hospital, retail, and industrial environments.
2. Student will demonstrate familiarity with brand and generic drug names, appearance, manufacturer, dosage form(s), and rout of administration.
3. Student will demonstrate the ability to accurately interpret the information on a new prescription, request any missing information, and enter it.

**Required Courses**

BIOL 115Human Structure & Function/Lab 4

BOTE 171 Medical Terminology 3

HPER 210 First Aid/CPR 2

PRMT 102 Pharmaceutical Calculations 3

PRMT 111 Pharmacy Law and Ethics 1

PRMT 116 IV & Sterile Product Prep/Lab 2

PRMT 125 Pharmacology for Pharmacy Tech 4

PRMT 217 Pharmacy Practice 4

PRMT 131 Pharmacy Internship-Community 4

PRMT 141 Pharmacy Internship-Hospital 4

**Total Credits 31**