

Pharmacy Technician is a 108 hour course designed for individuals who will be trained to work under the supervision of a pharmacist in a variety of settings. Course work provides the student with basic essential knowledge and skills required to work as a technician in the pharmacy.

Material taught in this course includes: reading and interpretation of prescriptions, computer entry, drug classification, federal and state laws and regulations, medical terminology, calculations, drug dosage and activity, drug routes and forms, compounding, and preparation of IV admixtures. Anatomy and physiology is also included in this course as it relates to disease, with emphasis on drug therapy.

Q & A

- **Where is the course offered?**
 - Currently offered on the Caldwell campus
 - Starting in January 2010 – the course will be offered at the Watauga Continuing Education Center in Boone.
- **What are the costs of the class?**
 - Registration fee is \$175
 - Textbook & Workbook is approximately \$90 – may be purchased in the college bookstore
- **What are the entrance requirements?**
 - 18 years of age
 - High School Diploma or GED
 - Reading and Math placement tests
 - Students must score 80 on Reading and 55 on Math to meet entrance requirements. Tests are administered at the Testing Centers on both campuses.
 - Government issued photo ID
 - Social Security Card
- **Will I get a certificate when I finish the course?**
 - Yes
- **Is there a national test?**
 - Yes. Upon completion, you will be eligible to sit for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Exam which awards the Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) credential

- What kind of money would I earn?
 - According to the US Department of Labor, 2008-2009 edition between \$11.50 and \$13.86/hour depending upon the facility. Certified technicians may earn more.
- What are my chances of finding a job?
 - Very good. Employment of pharmacy technicians is expected to increase by 32 percent from 2006 to 2016, which is much faster than the average for all occupations, according to the US Department of Labor, 2008-2009 edition.

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