

# COLUMBUS STATE

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Pharmacy Technician Certificate: Autumn 2025/Spring 2026



**PTC** **B** EDUCATOR

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# CSCC Offerings



- Certificate of Completion, with credits going towards Associates of Applied Science (AAS) in Multi-Skilled Health
- Students that opt to continue their studies in Multi-Skilled Health can choose from a variety of other programs that will count towards their AAS degree.
  - Phlebotomy
  - HIMT (Health Information Management Technician)
  - CPR/First Aid
  - EKG
  - Health Care Manager
  - Clinical Laboratory Assisting
  - Many more

\*\*Financial assistance may also be available for students that have declared a Multi-Skilled Health degree major

# Plan of Study for Certificate Program

Semester 1			Semester 2		
Course		CR	Course		CR
MULT 1500	Concepts for the Pharmacy Technician	4	MULT 1905	Community Pharmacy Practicum	1
MULT 1550	Pharmacology for the Pharmacy Technician	2	MULT 1805	Pharmacy Seminar	1
MULT 1525	Calculations for the Pharmacy Technician	2		Health-Related Technical Elective	2
MULT 1900	Lab and Introductory Practicum	2		Health-Related Technical Elective	2
Total Semester 1 Credit Hours		10	Total Semester 2 Credit Hours		6

**Total Certificate Credit Hours: 16**

\*College Credit Plus students are eligible to take these courses. Please see your advisor.

# Class format

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Course		CR	Course		CR
MULT 1500	Concepts for the Pharmacy Technician <b>Blended or Web</b>	4	MULT 1905	Community Pharmacy Practicum <b>Clinical Hours only</b>	1
MULT 1550	Pharmacology for the Pharmacy Technician <b>Blended or Web</b>	2	MULT 1805	Pharmacy Seminar <b>Blended or Web</b>	1
MULT 1525	Calculations for the Pharmacy Technician <b>Web</b>	2		Health-Related Technical Elective	2
MULT 1900	Lab and Introductory Practicum <b>Blended</b>	2		Health-Related Technical Elective	2
Total Semester 1 Credit Hours		10	Total Semester 2 Credit Hours		6

**Most pharmacy technician core classes may be completed online!**

# Health Related Technical Electives

- To complete the pharmacy technician program certificate, you must earn at least 4 health-related technical elective credits.
- Choose from the following:
  - MULT 1110: Medical Terminology
  - MULT 1140: Integrated Healthcare
  - MULT 1130: Responding to Emergencies
  - HIMT 1121: Advanced Medical Terminology
  - MULT 1115: Helping Skills Allied Health & Human Services
  - MULT 1401: Integrated Healthcare

\*Other health-related technical electives may be considered toward the certificate. Speak to your faculty advisor for more details.

# To be considered for the program....

**Students must also meet the following conditions:**

- Placement into ENGL 1100
  - Placement into “No Reading Required”
  - GPA of “2.0” or higher
  - Placement into MATH 1025 or higher
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- Before beginning the practicum experience, the student must also complete a health record form, undergo a background and drug screening, and register as a “Pharmacy Technician Trainee,” and pay the respective \$25 fee.

# Program Costs

**These figures are subject to change based on current trends and updates. Please see [www.cscs.edu](http://www.cscs.edu) for current information.**

- College application, records and ID fee: \$50
- 16 credits hours x \$182.93 (2024/2025 rate) = \$2,926.88
- Books: approximately \$30
- Lab Fees: approximately \$189
- Background and Drug Screen: \$112.50
- Health Record: \$100
- Uniform Shirt: \$25
- **Total approximate costs: \$3,383.38**



# Financial Aid, Grants and Scholarships

**Financial aid may be available to students who qualify.**

■ You may be eligible for financial aid, grants, and/or scholarships.

1. Declare your intended program of study as “Pharmacy Technician.”
2. Please visit the following webpages for more information:
  - <https://www.csccl.edu/services/financial-aid/>
  - <https://www.csccl.edu/services/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships.shtml>

# Why Should You Consider National Certification

## ■ The CPhT designation:

- signifies an individual's competence as a technician and indicates a high level of knowledge and skill.
- Mark of achievement that employers, colleagues, and others will recognize.
- You may earn more and may cost your employer less time and money in training you.
- Some employers may pay or reimburse the employee for the cost to take a certification exam (if successfully completed), and/or provide training assistance for a certification exam.

# Potential Job Opportunities

**A certified pharmacy technician (CPhT) may have the following title(s):**

Pharmacy technician lead	Inventory Specialist	Inpatient pharmacy technician
Pharmacy manager	Investigational drug service technician	Information systems support technician
Product support analyst	Pharmacy technician specialist	Compounding pharmacy technician
Pharmacy order entry technician	Narcotics lead technician	Pharmacy technician educator



- As with any job, it depends on where you work but your beginning pay may range from \$18.00 to \$24.00 per hour in Central Ohio area.
- Higher pay rates may be given due to:
  - shift differentials (i.e. working evenings or weekends)
  - becoming certified
  - pharmacy practice site
  - experience

# Certified Pharmacy Technician Jobs

- Salary Estimates (full time)

Retail Chain Pharmacy	Outpatient or Independent Pharmacy	4 + years experience *	Clinical Pharmacy Technician *
\$18-22/hr	\$20-26/hr	\$24-\$32/hr	\$30- 38/hr
\$37,440 - \$45,760 yr	\$41,600- \$54,080/yr	\$49,920- \$66,560/yr	\$62,400- \$79,040/yr

\* Pharmacy technician wages will depend on your area of practice (specialty), practice site, number of years experience, hours worked, and job responsibilities.

# Pharmacy Technicians in the Field









Practice in our mock pharmacy lab!



# Potential Employment Opportunities

Students will have the opportunity to meet employers from around the Columbus area during the certificate program. Employers from the following fields may be available to talk to students in class.

- Home infusion
- Retail pharmacy
- Hospital pharmacy
- Long-term care
- Nuclear pharmacy
- Health Plans/HMO Pharmacy Groups

# Class Opportunities



Engaging Industry Speakers From  
Neighboring Pharmacies



Tours of Local Pharmacies

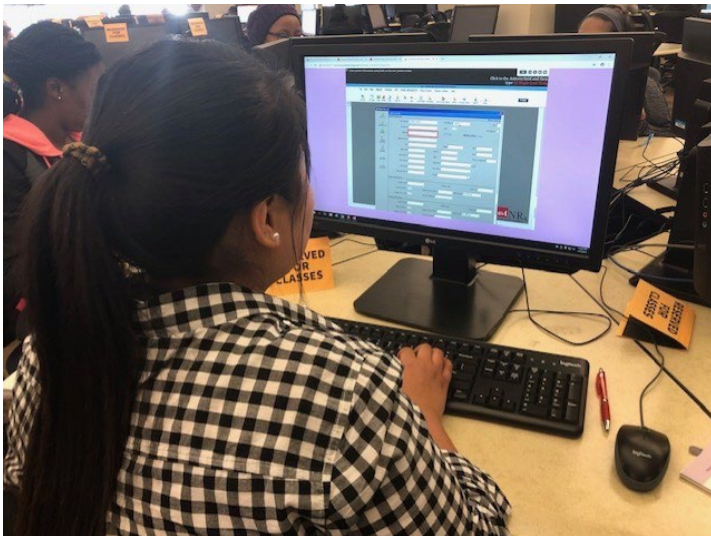
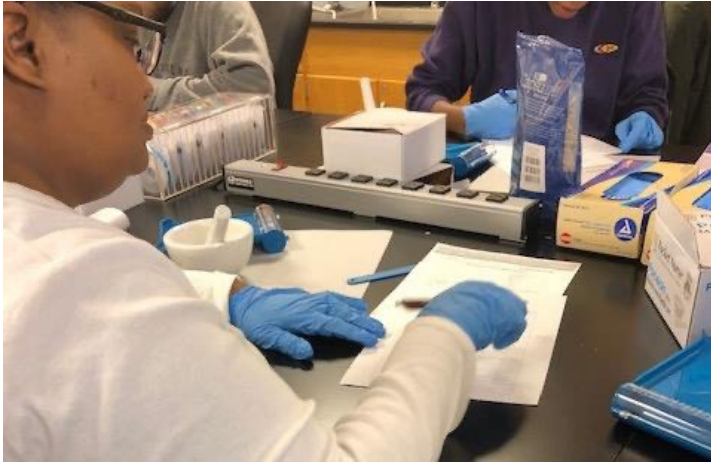
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# Pharmacy Lab Training



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# Pinning Ceremony



# Next Steps



1. Take a short quiz based on this presentation using the following link: [Information Session Quiz](#) or by using the QR code above. You will receive a confirmation receipt via email.
2. Complete your program application, if you haven't already. [Pharmacy Technician Application](#).

**The pharmacy technician program admissions committee will review your complete application and provide a response within 7-10 business days.**





How To

# BECOME A PHARMACY TECH



## Questions?

**Thank you for your  
interest in the Pharmacy  
Technician Program.**

Please direct any questions to  
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