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HLT 264 added to courses  
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## PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

**Program:** Pharmacy Technician  
**Award:** Career Studies Certificate  
**Plan Code:** 221-190-08  
**Length:** Twenty seven (27) Credit hours, two semesters  
**Lead Faculty:** Elaine Beale, RPh

**Purpose:** The Pharmacy Technician program is designed to prepare students to assist and support licensed pharmacists in providing health care and medications to patients. Students will obtain a broad knowledge of pharmacy practice and be skilled in the techniques required to order, stock, package, prepare, and dispense medications under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist. Program graduates will be eligible to take the Virginia Pharmacy Technician Exam and prepared to take either national examination.

**Special Accreditation/Approval:** Virginia Board of Pharmacy

**Occupational Objectives:** Pharmacy technicians work in hospital, retail, home health care, nursing home, clinic, nuclear medicine, and mail order prescription pharmacies. Pharmacy technicians have been employed with medical insurance, medical computer software, drug manufacturing, drug wholesale, and food processing companies, and as instructors in pharmacy technician programs. Currently, hospital, home health care, and retail pharmacies hire the majority of technicians. Examples of job duties include: computer information entry, preparation of prescription labels, assisting the pharmacists in filling prescriptions, ordering pharmaceutical supplies, customer assistance reading and interpreting written prescriptions and physicians' orders, cash register operation, answering telephones and use of other routine equipment such as computer-assisted medication dispensing machines, computer-assisted intravenous preparations and electronic tablet/capsule counting machines in the retail, institutional, or hospital pharmacy.

**Prerequisite:** High School Diploma or Equivalent

**Admission Requirements:**

1. Complete the Application for Admission to Paul D Camp Community College (PDCCC).
2. Complete the Application for Admission to PDCCC Pharmacy Technician Program (additional

application).

3. Complete PDCCC placement tests in reading, mathematics, writing, and computer skills if necessary (see application). If scores indicate, the applicant will be required to successfully complete developmental courses prior to admission to the pharmacy technician program.

**Financial Requirements:**

In addition to the usual college tuition and fees, this program requires the following estimated expenses:

Medical Exam (varies with practitioner/insurance)	\$300.00
Books (estimate for new books)	\$550.00
Uniforms	\$100.00
National Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam	\$129.00
CPR Certification	\$10.00
Criminal History & Sex Offender Background & Drug Screening Checks	\$100.00

**Program Requirements**

The curriculum includes learning experiences in class and in the laboratory, as well as a clinical experience. Students must submit a separate application to the Pharmacy Technician Program for approval prior to beginning Pharmacy Technician courses. Students must complete a physical examination including required immunizations and a background check with drug screening. Students must maintain a 2.5 grade point average (GPA).

<b>Pharmacy Technician (221-190-08)</b>		
<b><i>Course Requirements and Sample Schedule</i></b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
HLT 105/109	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation <sup>1</sup>	1
HLT 143	Medical Terminology I	3
HLT 250	General Pharmacology	3
HLT 261	Basic Pharmacy I	3
MTH 126	Mathematics for Allied Health	3
SDV 100/108	College Success Skills	1

	<b>Total Semester Credits</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
CST 100	Principles of Public Speaking	3
ENG 111	College Composition	3
HLT 262	Basic Pharmacy II	3
HLT 264	Basic Pharmacy Lab II	1
HLT 290	Internship for Clinical Practice <sup>2</sup>	3
	<b>Total Semester Credits</b>	<b>13</b>
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>27</b>

<sup>1</sup> EMT 109, CPR for Healthcare Providers, can substitute for HLT 105

<sup>2</sup> Prior to registering for HLT 290, Internship for Clinical Practice, students are required to undergo a mandatory drug screening and background check. Students must have a negative drug screen and criminal background check in order to be assigned to an internship. Charges or costs for the drug screening and criminal check are the responsibility of the student.

<sup>3</sup> The student must be passing all current pharmacy classes with at least a 76% before being assigned to an intern site.

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**HLT 264 - Basic Pharmacy II Lab**

Provides practical experience to supplement instruction in HLT 261-262. Should be taken concurrently with HLT 261-262, in appropriate curricula, as identified by the college. Part II of II. Laboratory 3 hours per week.

1 credits