

Pharmacy Technician PROGRAM



Blackstone Career Institute's distance learning programs enable you to learn a new career at your own pace without disrupting your present job or lifestyle. Upon completion, you will have a Pharmacy Technician diploma, along with the skills and confidence necessary to obtain employment in one of the fastest growing career fields.

The Job of the Future

The demand for pharmacy technicians is expected to increase in the future, reflecting the rapid growth in the healthcare industry due to a population that is increasing in number as well as climbing in age. The number of prescriptions ordered by physicians will rise as the number of middle-aged and elderly patients, who use more prescription medications, increases.

Why Choose Pharmacy Technician

The Career

The pharmacy technician's job is to work under the supervision of a pharmacist to provide pharmaceutical care. Technician duties vary from state to state, but may include computer entry of patient data; preparation of insurance claim forms; medication preparation/mixing, selection, counting and labeling; and ordering, receiving and stocking inventory. In some pharmacy settings, such as a hospital, technicians may review patient charts, prepare and deliver medications to nursing stations, and prepare products such as IV antibiotics.

Job Opportunities

Pharmacy technicians work in a variety of pharmacy settings, including hospitals, nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, independently owned pharmacies, drugstore chains, grocery stores, mass retailers, Internet pharmacies, mail-order pharmacies, physicians' offices, correctional institutions and pharmaceutical wholesalers.

Employment Outlook

Pharmacy technician is a growing field with great employment prospects for accurate and efficient workers. A skilled pharmacy technician can find employment in a health-system or retail pharmacy. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the number of pharmacy technicians employed in the United States is expected to grow up to 9% by 2024. (*U.S. Dept. of Labor Statistics, 2015-2016 Occupational Outlook Handbook*)

What You Can Earn

The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor and Statistics lists the middle 50 percent of pharmacy technicians earning up to \$30,410. The top 10 percent of pharmacy technicians earned more than \$45,030. Working for a general medical or surgical hospital results in higher average earnings.

Certification

Students who graduate from Blackstone's Pharmacy Technician program are qualified to sit for the Exam for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ExCPT) sponsored by the National Healthcareer Association (NHA), and the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) offered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board. Certification provides further assurance of skills and knowledge to employers. Applicants for either exam must be 18 years of age or older, possess a high school diploma or G.E.D., and not have been convicted of a felony. Prospective students should check with their State Board of Pharmacy regarding specific state regulations concerning licensure, registration and certification requirements.



YOUR Program Overview

Units 1 through 18

1. Blackstone's Skills for Success
2. Introduction to Computers, Keyboarding and Office Technology
3. Anatomy and Medical Terminology 1-An Introduction
4. Anatomy and Medical Terminology 2
5. English Usage and Written Communication
6. Time and Stress Management
7. Anatomy and Medical Terminology 3
8. Anatomy and Medical Terminology 4
9. Fundamentals of Pharmacy Practice
10. Community and Institutional Pharmacy
11. Pharmacy Calculations
12. Pharmacology
13. Creating an Effective Workplace Environment
14. Critical Thinking Skills
15. Body Systems, Diseases and Pharmaceutical Treatments
16. Special Topics in Pharmacology
17. Professional Development and Medicolegal Ethics
18. How to Find a Job as a Pharmacy Technician

What you receive WITH YOUR program

- Mosby's Drug Reference for Health Professions by Mosby/Elsevier
- The Pharmacy Technician: Foundations and Practices by Pearson
- Pharmacy Technician Study Guides
- Additional Blackstone Study Units
- Blackstone Typing Tutor
- Online Student Center
- Graduation Documents

A Blackstone Education Provides...

Superior Student Services

You are not alone when studying with Blackstone. While there is no formal campus or classrooms, we offer assistance to our students that is second to none.

Program Assistance

Our education department is simply a phone call, fax, or e-mail away if you need help with your course studies. Use our toll-free number to access our staff or e-mail your questions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Thorough Testing

Eighteen multiple-choice exams, chapter self-checks, and a required keyboarding assignment assist us in assessing your understanding of the concepts taught. Online testing is available through our Online Student Center.

Ample Time

Students are permitted up to one year to complete the program. There are no formal classes to attend, so you can study when and where it suits you.

Affordable Tuition

Our Pharmacy Technician Program remains one of the most reasonably priced in the country. Your tuition cost covers your entire program including all e-books, electronic resources, study guides and study units, exam and homework evaluation services, access to the Online Student Center, and your diploma.

Financial Assistance

BCI takes the confusion out of understanding military education benefits. With career programs approved by both the Department of Veterans Affairs, and The Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts Program (MyCAA), Blackstone offers assistance in receiving the benefits for which you are eligible.

Many employers offer benefit programs to reimburse employees for tuition expenses. Check with your employer to see if you are eligible.

Payment plans are available for financing your career training. Call Blackstone at 800-826-9228 to find out more today!

Online Student Center

Included with your tuition, you will have online access to your study guides and study units, exams, grades, discussion boards, and more.

The Blackstone Facebook Page

Become a member of one of the premier social networking sites to chat with other students and share career advice. This is a great tool to keep you up to date on the latest news from Blackstone. www.facebook.com/Blackstone Career Institute

The Blackstone Career Center

Provides job search strategies, a job search databank, and career resources.

LICENSURE, ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIPS

Blackstone Career Institute's credentials are your assurance that Blackstone meets quality educational and business standards set by reputable organizations that have assessed our programs and business operations. Blackstone is:

- Licensed by the State Board of Private Licensed Schools, Department of Education, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Nationally accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission, Washington, D.C.
- Regionally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools, Philadelphia, PA.
- An accredited member of the Better Business Bureau with a rating of A+
- Member of the Greater Lehigh Valley, PA Chamber of Commerce



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