



PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Financial Aid available for those who qualify.

LOCATION	TIME	DAYS	TERM	CLOCK HOURS	FEE**
School of Career Education, Main Campus, 2100 E. Alessandro Blvd., Riverside, CA 92508	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	T-F*	20 weeks	600	\$8,900
Don F. Kenny Regional Learning Center, Branch Campus, 47-336 Oasis Street, Indio, CA 92201	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	T-F*	20 weeks	600	\$8,900

*Program fee DOES NOT include enrollment prerequisites, immunizations, health clearances, program requirements, or required materials.
*Internship portion of the program will take place Monday - Friday. *Schedules and fees are subject to change without notice.

WHERE WOULD I WORK?

- Pharmacy.
- Retail store.
- Hospital.
- Closed door pharmacy.
- Correctional facilities.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to provide students with the skills and understanding of the profession to perform as a pharmacy technician in different practice settings such as hospitals, retail pharmacies, jails, correctional facilities, office buildings, infusion centers and state/government jobs. Topics of instruction include clerical skills, customer service, insurance, billing, prescription processing, medical abbreviations and transcribing doctor's orders. This course offers retail skills and certification in American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) Healthcare Provider CPR. The State Board of Pharmacy requires a minimum of 240 theory hours, which includes the following content: knowledge of practice settings; standards and ethics; laws and regulations; knowledge to identify and employ pharmacy and medical terms; abbreviations and symbols; knowledge and ability to calculate common dosages; employ pharmacy, metric and apothecary systems; knowledge and understanding of the identification of drugs, drug dosages, routes, and forms; knowledge of and ability to perform record-keeping techniques and the ability to dispense medications. Students will gain knowledge of hospital extemporaneous compounding and intravenous admixture, aseptic technique, total parental nutrition (TPN) calculation and admixture, laminar flow hood operation, personal protective equipment guidelines, flow rates, and cassette fills. In addition to theory, clinical internship hours are required and included. This course includes additional hours to ensure competency and proficiency.

MEDIAN 2020 WAGES*

	HOURLY	ANNUALLY
CALIFORNIA	\$21.26	\$44,208
INLAND EMPIRE	\$19.11	\$39,745

*Data based upon Occupation Employment Statistics (OES) Survey Results for Pharmacy Technicians in California: www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov. Completion, Placement, and Licensure available on website at www.riversidesce.org

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Two official high school transcripts or equivalent.
- Completion of required assessment test.
- Current government-issued photo ID.
- Social Security card or right-to-work documentation.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- Maintain a minimum 76% grade-point average and a 93% attendance rate.
- Basic keyboarding and computer skills to facilitate learning of software.
- Access to computer or laptop with internet access.
- Fingerprinting and background check are required.

INCLUDED IN THE COST OF PROGRAM FEES:

- Textbooks.
- Two uniform sets.
- American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR training and card.
- Internship included in program.
- California State Board of Pharmacy License application fees.