



Pharmacy Technician

Program Orientation

What is the Pharmacy Technician Program?

The Pharmacy Technician program is a career technician education training course which will provide students with the basic skills and knowledge in preparation for an entry-level pharmacy technician position. In addition to classroom instruction, students will also be required to complete a 120-hour externship with a school-approved facility and apply for state registration with the California Board of Pharmacy.

Program Requirements

- High School diploma or equivalent (GED)
- Copy of TB skin test results
 - TB skin tests must be less than a year old
- Copy of Hepatitis B immunization records
 - Yellow immunization card, baby book, etc.
- CPR Certification - **\$59 separate course fee**

Program Requirements

- CPR Certification
 - American Heart Association (AHA)
 - Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers
 - www.heart.org
 - American Red Cross (ARC)
 - Adult Rescuer with AED
 - Child and Infant Rescuer CPR with AED
 - www.redcross.org

Program Requirements

for State Registration

- The following are requirements for the state registration application to be submitted by the student.
 - \$140 application fee (personal check, money order, cashier check)
 - 2" x 2" passport-style photo
 - Official High School/GED transcripts
 - Official Self Query Results from the NPDB
 - Copy of Livescan fingerprint form

Text References

Students are required to have books by the first day of class. Prices are based on retail prices from <http://paradigm.emcp.com>.

- Pharmacology for Technicians, 6th Edition by Don A. Ballington and Mary M. Laughlin
 - ISBN: 978-0-76388-424-6 **Price: \$138.25**
- Pharmacy Calculations for Technicians, 6th Edition by Don A. Ballington and Tova Wiegand Green
 - ISBN: 978-0-76388-418-5 **Price: \$138.25**
- Pharmacy Practice for Technicians, 6th Edition by Don A. Ballington and Robert J. Anderson
 - ISBN: 978-0-76388-414-7 **Price: \$138.25**
- Labs for Pharmacy Technicians, 3rd Edition by Jason Sparks
 - ISBN: 978-0-76388-416-1 **Price: \$138.25**

Text References

Where to Buy:

- www.amazon.com
- www.ebay.com
- www.bookfinder.com
- www.chegg.com
- www.vitalsource.com
- www.barnesandnoble.com

Program Content

- Basic Concepts of Pharmacology
- Pharmacy Law and Regulation
- Basics in Sterile and Non-Sterile Compounding
- Medication Safety
- Pharmacy Quality Assurance
- Medication Order Entry and Fill Process
- Pharmacy Inventory Management
- Pharmacy Billing and Reimbursement
- Pharmacy Information System Usage and Application
- Job Preparation Skills

Program Length

(excluding externship hours)

Morning Session

- 25 weeks (5 modules)
- Monday to Friday
- 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Evening Session

- 30 weeks (6 modules)
- Monday to Thursday
- 5 pm – 9 pm

Externship

- Upon successful completion of the classroom instruction portion, students will be placed in a school-approved facility to complete 120 hours of externship.
- **Prior to externship placement, all students are required to be cleared with a background check and drug screening.**
- Students will be given up to **6 weeks** to complete externship.
- Failure to complete will result to failing the program.

Program Format

Modular format

- Grading system composed of 5-week modules, to be each given a specific grade. All module grades will be averaged to attain a final program grade.

Program Format

- First module will be a blended module
 - One day in class a week
 - AM - Thursday Lab, 1pm to 5pm, Room E-30
 - PM – Tuesday Lab, 1pm to 5pm, Room E-30
 - Rest of the week is self-paced online
 - Students are required to attend a 2-hour module introduction on the first day of class
 - Room E-30, 1pm to 3pm
 - All remaining modules there after are in-class

Program Format

- Students will be assessed with a module final exam at the end of each module.
- Grades will be averaged at the end of the 25/30-week instructional portion of the course for the final grade.
- Students need to pass the instructional portion with a grade of **C (75%)** or better in order to advance to the externship portion of the program.

Grading Criteria

The following categories may apply to all or some modules.

Classroom Attendance and Participation	10%
Assignments and Software Lab Exercises	15%
Pharmacy Practice Lab	25%
Quizzes, Tests and Projects	25%
Final Exam	25%
Total (per module)	100%

Module Repeat Policy

- Students who do not pass a module will need to repeat that specific module when offered again. Each module is \$250.00. All modules must be successfully completed to finish the classroom instruction portion and move to externship. A student who fails two (2) modules will need to repeat the whole program.
- If the student still fails the repeat module, the student will need to re-enroll into the program. Current enrollment fees will apply.

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend class daily and punctually.

- 2 Tardies = 1 absence
- 3 Absences = Dropped from module

Students are required to make up any counts of tardiness or absences. Only 12 make up hours are allowed per module.

Cheating Policy

There is a zero-tolerance policy on any type of cheating.

- Subject to dismissal from the program.
- Plagiarism is considered cheating.

Uniform Policy

Students are required to wear Royal Blue Medical uniforms in campus at all times.

- Estimated Cost: **\$28/set** with embroidery

- Supplier:

Cindy's Uniforms

12270 Woodruff Avenue,

Downey, CA 90241

562-803-6754

- Footwear: Closed-Toe shoes are required.

Uniform Policy

- Excessive jewelry is prohibited.
- Facial piercings are prohibited.
- Nails must be trimmed at all times. French Tip styles are not allowed in class.
- Always look professional.

Course Enrollment

Fees

- Registration Fee: **\$3499.00**, excluding
 - Books
 - Uniforms
 - Background check and drug screening fee
- Down Payment: **\$700.00**
- Accepted forms of payment
 - Cash
 - Check
 - Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard)

Course Enrollment

Financial Aid

- Apply at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Input School Code: **005638**
- Once online application is processed, student must make an appointment to meet with FA department.
- Any other questions?
Email financialaid@das.edu

Course Enrollment

Special Programs

- GAIN
 - Ask clerical support for Estimated Breakdown of Program Cost.
- All other Programs assisting with educational finances
 - Contact Person: Evelyn Velasco
 - Please meet with Mrs. Velasco right after the orientation in Room H-61

Course Enrollment

How-to

- Student enrollments are on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Contact Person:
Amalia Gonzalez, Clerical Support
562-940-6213
Front Office
- Students must make the down payment to secure a spot.
- Any remaining balance will be divided into monthly payments and **must** be paid in full prior to completing the program.
- Any one who has a balance by the end of the program will not be provided with certificates and proof of completion until fully paid.

Course Refund Policy

- D.A.S. may issue a refund, less a \$50 processing fee, if the request is made prior to the third class meeting. There are no refunds on textbooks or uniforms. If approved, refunds will be received within 4 to 6 weeks of request.

Any Questions?

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