

COMMUNITY PHARMACY TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE ONLINE PROGRAM

A Web-based online Community Pharmacy Technician Certificate program is offered through the Airport Campus of Midlands Technical College. This program is accredited by the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (ASHP) and meets criteria for Pharmacy Technician state certification requirements mandated by the South Carolina Board of Pharmacy. This program has been developed to accommodate the individual who has current work experience in a community retail pharmacy and needs to become a SC state certified Pharmacy Technician.

The program is two semesters. A program orientation session will be scheduled on the Airport Campus prior to the beginning of the semester. Attendance at orientation will be mandatory.

Application to the Community Pharmacy Technician Program

1. Complete an application for Midlands Technical College listing Community Pharmacy Technician Certificate as the program of study. Admission applications can be obtained/submitted in one of the following ways:
 - a. at the admissions office on Airport or Beltline Campuses
 - b. submitted by mail, or,
 - c. preferably apply online at www.midlandstech.edu/edu/sds/adm/applications.html.
2. Schedule placement testing if necessary. All students entering the college **MUST** take the Compass or Asset placement test to qualify for entry into the Pharmacy Technician Program and to receive subsequent advisement. SAT or ACT scores do not qualify as college placement tests. Minimum scores for the Compass, Asset, SAT, or ACT must be achieved as indicated in the section below entitled *Program Admission Requirements*. The placement test schedule is available online at www.midlandstech.edu/testcenter/dleitest.html.
3. Request official transcripts (high-school and college) sent to Midlands Technical College.
4. Submit two typewritten letters of recommendation (e.g: current or past employers, high school guidance counselors or teachers, faculty members from colleges previously attended, etc).
5. Apply for Financial Aid or Lottery Tuition Assistance. You must complete a Financial Aid Application (FAFSA) to be eligible for the SC Lottery Scholarships. Visit the following MTC college websites for additional information and forms:
 - * Student Financial Services: www.midlandstech.edu/sfs/
 - * Federal Student Aid Application: www.fafsa.ed.gov/
 - * SC Lottery Tuition Assistance: www.midlandstech.edu/fafsa/
6. Interview with the Director of the Pharmacy Technician Program or designee when steps 1 through 4 are completed and admission to the college has been granted. Although a prospective student is granted admission to the college, acceptance into the Pharmacy Technician Program is not automatically granted or guaranteed. Acceptance into the Community Pharmacy Certificate Program will be determined upon the results of an interview evaluation process. Final recommendation for acceptance or non-acceptance into the program will be issued by the Program Director.

Program Admission Requirements

1. Applicants **MUST** be a high school graduate or equivalent. This is a requirement of the American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists (ASHP). (Recommend high school or college credits in mathematics/science [algebra, biology, chemistry]). You will need to submit documentation that verifies graduation from high school or equivalency program (copy of high school diploma, GED, or transcript which shows graduation date).
2. Applicants must be at least 17 years of age (**MUST** be 18 years of age at time of graduation from the Pharmacy Technician Program [This is a requirement of ASHP]).
3. Acceptable Scores on Placement Tests:
 - * Compass (Computer-based)
(minimum Reading score of 80; MTC writing sample score of 30 in order to place out of Eng 100; and minimum algebra score of 60 to place out of MAT 101); **or**
 - * Asset (paper-pencil)

(minimum Reading score of 40; MTC writing sample score of 30 in order to place out of Eng 100; and minimum Arithmetic Numerical score of 40 & Elementary Algebra score of 48 to place out of MAT 101).

The Compass or Asset test can be waived with the following:

- (a) A transferable English Composition course that is equivalent to MTC's Eng 101 or higher. (Waives the Reading and Writing sample requirement.)
- (b) A transferable Math course that is equivalent to MTC's Math 101 or higher. (Waives the Math/Algebra requirement.)

4. Acceptable Scores For Program Interview Eligibility tests:

- * SAT: Total 910 (minimum verbal 430 and MTC Writing Sample score of 30); or
- * ACT 19 Comp (Minimum verbal 18 and MTC Writing Sample score of 30); or
- * Successful completion of the Pre-Health Care Certificate with a 2.5 GPA and "C" or higher in each course.

Visit the college website at www.midlandstech.com/edu/sds/sas/hb/hlc6.html for additional information regarding the Pre-Health Care Certificate.

- * HOBET (Composite 50%, minimum reading 50%, and Writing Sample of 30%)

- 5. Recommend typing skills.
- 6. Current CPR certification at time of entry.
- 7. Emotional and physical ability to carry out normal pharmacy activities (to include lifting, stretching, and standing for long periods).
- 8. Physical Examination by a physician and the completion of a personal health form.
- 9. South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) record check for arrest and convictions or drug-related charges.

PROGRAM COSTS

The most current tuition information is available online at www.midlandstech.edu/finance/tuition.htm. There are a wide variety of tuition assistance programs available at the college. Contact the Student Financial Services for more information at 803-738-7792.

Approximate

Non-instructional support services Student Fee \$50.00 per semester	\$100.00
First time student enrollment fee	\$25.00
Pharmacy textbooks	\$400.00
BIO 110 Textbook (new)	\$87.00
AHS 102 Textbook	\$100.00
Arm Patch	\$10.00
Lab Jacket	\$35.00+
Malpractice Insurance	\$6.00
Criminal Background Check	\$90.00

Semester Courses

First Semester

BIO 110 Anatomy & Physiology (3-4cr)
 PHM 101 Introduction to Pharmacy* (3 cr)
 (Includes 4 lab sessions at 3 hrs each)
 PHM 113 Pharmacy Math (3 cr)
 PHM 114 Therapeutic Agents I (3 cr)
 PHM 152 Pharm Tech Practicum 1*(2 cr)

Semester Course Prerequisites:

RDG 100 & ENG 100
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 AHS 102; BIO 110; PHM 101
 PHM 101/113

*PHM 101 will require you to travel to MTC Airport Campus to attend a total of 4, three-hour lab sessions during the Fall semester.

Second Semester

AHS 102 Medical Terminology (3 cr)

RDG 100 & ENG 100 (min grade of "C")

PHM 109 Applied Pharmacy Practice (2cr)	PHM 101; PHM 113
PHM 118 Community Pharmacy Seminar (1 cr)	PHM 101; PHM 113; PHM 152
PHM 124 Therapeutic Agents II (3 cr)	PHM 114
PHM 164 Pharmacy Tech Practicum II *** (4 cr)	PHM 152

All Pharmacy lecture courses, BIO 110, and AHS 102 will be offered as online courses.

All lecture material and assignments will be done online. Testing procedures will require the student to take monitored and proctored examinations at Midlands Technical College or at a host college testing center site nearest to your home community as is feasible.

To be able to participate in this online program, students must have access to the internet on a computer system that the following program software installed: (1) Microsoft Word 2003, and (2) Microsoft PowerPoint 2003. Lecture material and PowerPoint slides are contained on CD-ROM which is in Microsoft Word document and Microsoft PowerPoint formats.

If you need additional information, please contact Candice Geiger, Director, Pharmacy Technician Program, Midlands Technical College, PO Box 2408, Columbia, SC 29202. E-Mail: geigerc@midlandstech.edu.

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