

Pharmacy Technology

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT / ASSOCIATE DEGREE[†] PROGRAM

About This Program

The Pharmacy Technology program provides both theory and practical training, which enables technicians, upon licensure, to function as a competent entry-level assistant to a licensed pharmacist.

The program culminates in a Certificate of Achievement or an Associate of Science degree. Graduates are eligible and prepared to sit for the Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) national certification exam*.

Visit carrington.edu/student-consumer-info/ for important information on program outcomes.

Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. For the most updated information, visit carrington.edu.

*Carrington College prepares students to take appropriate certification and licensure exams related to their individual majors. The College does not guarantee students will successfully pass these exams or be certified or licensed as a result of completing the program.

General Education Coursework

Students in Carrington College's certificate programs complete technical coursework and participate in an online career development seminar course.**

In Carrington College's degree programs, students also complete a broad base of general education course offerings focusing on:

- English composition
- Computer literacy
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social sciences

**Campus based, Portland only

† To be eligible for entrance into the Associate of Science degree program in Pharmacy Technology, applicants must have successfully completed the Certificate of Achievement program.

Technical Coursework

In the Pharmacy Technology program students gain basic knowledge of pharmacy calculations, drug distribution systems, chemical and physical characteristics of drugs and preparation of sterile dosage forms as well as a thorough knowledge of pharmaceutical and medical terminology, abbreviations and symbols used in prescribing, dispensing and documenting medications. Standards of ethics and law as they pertain to pharmacy practice and drug distribution methods are also included in the curriculum.

Carrington's academic catalog, available at carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog, provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.

Careers in Pharmacy Technology*

Pharmacy technicians receive and fill prescriptions under the supervision of licensed pharmacists. Duties related to the daily operation of the pharmacy are often part of the job, such as answering phones, creating prescription labels, maintaining patient profiles and prescription histories, completing cash register transactions, preparing insurance claim forms and inventory tasks.

Pharmacy technicians' career path can lead to employment in a variety of environments such as:

- Pharmacies and drug stores
- Hospitals
- Mail-order pharmacies
- Grocery stores
- Retail stores

Certification, Licensure and Practice Information
States vary in terms of certification, licensure and scope of practice for pharmacy technicians. Generally students must register with their state's Board to become a pharmacy technician in-training. Timeframes for completion vary by state, but all states require that pharmacy technicians attain licensure*.

*Individuals seeking to enter this career field may be subject to screenings such as, but not limited to, criminal background checks and drug/alcohol testing prior to externship, to attain occupational licensure/certification or employment, and throughout their careers.

Knowledge and Skills

Upon completion of the Pharmacy Technology program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate the skills and knowledge necessary to function as a competent entry level assistant to a licensed pharmacist
- Demonstrate the ability to apply critical thinking, work collaboratively, communicate clearly and act professionally

Accreditation, Approvals and Program Availability

Carrington College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC), 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, 415 506 0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the US Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at accjc.org.

The Pharmacy Technology programs at the Albuquerque, Boise, Citrus Heights, Mesa, Pleasant Hill, Phoenix, Portland, Sacramento, San Jose, San Leandro, Spokane, Stockton, and Tucson campuses are accredited by the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, 7272 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814, 301 657 3000, <https://www.ashp.org/Professional-Development/Technician-Program-Accreditation>.

The Spokane campus Pharmacy Technology program is approved by the Washington State Board of Pharmacy, P.O. Box 1099, Olympia, WA 98507 – 1099, 360 236 4700, hsqa.csc@doh.wa.gov

For comprehensive information on Carrington's accreditation, licenses and approvals, visit carrington.edu/accreditation.

The Pharmacy Technology program is offered to new students at:

ALBUQUERQUE, NM
BOISE, ID
CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA
MESA, AZ
PHOENIX, AZ
PLEASANT HILL, CA
PORTLAND, OR

SACRAMENTO, CA
SAN JOSE, CA
SAN LEANDRO, CA
SPOKANE, WA
STOCKTON, CA
TUCSON, AZ