

COMMUNITY PHARMACY TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE ONLINE PROGRAM

A Web-Based online Community Pharmacy Technician Certificate program will be offered through the Airport Campus of Midlands Technical College beginning Spring semester 2008. 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 setting and needs to become SC state certified Pharmacy Technician. Additionally, this program is open for enrollment to the individual who desires to pursue a career as a Pharmacy Technician in a community retail pharmacy setting only and who has no prior work experience.

The program will be 2 semesters with the Spring semester classes beginning January 14, 2008 and will run until April 28, 2008. Summer semester classes will begin May 19, 2008 and will run until August 1, 2008. A program orientation session will be scheduled on the Airport Campus prior to the beginning of Spring and Summer semesters. Attendance at orientation will be mandatory.

Application to the Community Pharmacy Technician Certificate 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. 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 qualify a candidate for admission to the college, and eligibility for a program interview. SAT or ACT test 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 copies of 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 Pharmacy Technician 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 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 and MTC Writing Sample score of 30 in order to place out of Eng 100. Minimum Pre-Algebra Score of 44 in order to place out of Math 100).
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 - Asset (paper-pencil)
(Minimum Reading score of 40 and MTC Writing Sample score of 30 in order to place out of Eng 100. Minimum Arithmetic Numerical score of 40 and a minimum Elementary Algebra score of 36-47 in order to place out of Math 100).

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

- (1) A transferable English Composition course that is equivalent to MTC's Eng 101 or higher. (Waives the Reading and writing sample requirement)
- (2) 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%)
4. Recommended typing skills.
5. Current First Aid and CPR certification at time of entry.
6. Emotional and physical ability to carry out normal pharmacy activities (to include lifting, stretching, and standing for long periods).
7. Physical Examination by a physician and the completion of a personal health form.
8. South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) record check for arrest and convictions or drug-related charges.

PROGRAM COSTS:

Tuition:

Spring and Summer Semesters (full length of program)

*Full-time students (12 or more credit hours) are charged as follows:

-Richland & Lexington County residents/semester	\$1572.00
-Fairfield County Residents/semester	\$1572.00
-Residents of other South Carolina counties per semester	\$1968.00
-Non-residents of South Carolina per semester	\$4716.00

*These are current rates at the time of this document printing. 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.

Non-instructional support services Student Fee \$50.00 per semester	\$ 100.00
First time student enrollment fee	\$ 25.00
Pharmacy textbooks	\$ ~300.00
Pharmacy Course Packets with CD ROMs	\$ 35.00

BIO 110 Textbook (new)	\$ 87.00
(New textbooks contain a Web-CT access code)	
(If you purchase a used textbook, you will need to purchase a Web-CT access code at the cost of \$25.00-\$30.00)	
AHS 102 Textbook (new – includes Web-CT access code)	\$ 100.00
Malpractice Insurance	\$ 6.00

Semester Courses:

Spring Semester

BIO 110 or 112 Anatomy & Physiology (3-4cr)
 AHS 102 Medical Terminology (3 cr)
 PHM 101 Introduction to Pharmacy * (3 cr)
 (Includes 4 lab sessions at 3 hrs each)
 PHM 113 Pharmacy Math (3cr)
 PHM 152 Pharm Tech Practicum 1 *** (2cr)

Semester Course Prerequisites:

Spring Semester

RDG 100 & ENG 100
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 Acceptance into program
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 PHM 101/113

* PHM 101 will require you to travel to MTC Airport Campus or the nearest lab location to attend a total of 4, three-hour lab sessions during the Fall semester. Lab sessions will be offered during the evening and on weekends.

Summer Semester

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

Summer Semester

PHM 101; PHM 113
 AHS 102; BIO 110 or 112; PHM 101
 PHM 114
 PHM 101; PHM 113; PHM 152
 PHM 152

*PHM 114 is covered during first half of semester.

**PHM 124 is covered during second half of semester

***PHM 152 and PHM 164 will be evaluated against community pharmacy work experience and may be granted credit. Any allowable credit will be evaluated and calculated by the Director of the Pharmacy Technician Program. If you have community retail pharmacy work experience, documentation from your supervising pharmacist must be provided.

Upon enrollment into the Community Pharmacy Technician Certificate Program, if a student cannot be granted credit for PHM 152 and PHM 164, clinical experience will be arranged within a community retail pharmacy in a student’s home community which **WILL NOT** be the same as the student’s current pharmacy employment site (if in fact the student is employed) or at any facility within the same retail pharmacy chain.

If it is determined that clinical practicum will be a requirement for a particular student, an entire criminal background check will be mandatory at a cost to the student of \$60.00

All Pharmacy coursework (PHM prefix), 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 has the following program software installed: (1) Microsoft Word 2003, and (2) Microsoft Powerpoint 2003. Lecture material and PowerPoint slideshows are contained on CD-ROM which is in Microsoft Word document and Microsoft PowerPoint formats.

If you need additional information, please contact the Program Director:

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