

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

Associate in Science Degree (A.S.)

Certificate of Achievement

DESCRIPTION

The Pharmacy Technician program offers an Associate of Science Degree and the Certificate of Achievement which will prepare the student for the national certification exam for entry level work as a pharmacy technician. A pharmacy technician helps the licensed pharmacist prepare prescriptions, medications, provides customer services, and performs administrative duties. Pharmacy technicians generally are responsible for receiving prescription requests, preparing the prescription, preparing sterile solutions, counting medications, and administrative duties such as answering the phone, stocking shelves, or operating a cash register. Career roles may be in a retail or mail-order pharmacy; a hospital or nursing home; and an assisted living facility or penal system.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Demonstrate knowledge of accurate calculations for oral and parenteral dosages.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of accurate medication compounding and identification of patients that need to be counseled by a licensed pharmacist.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of legal requirements related to the pharmacy technician role.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMS

The Associate in Arts (AA) or the Associate in Science (AS) Degree involves satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 semester units with a C average or higher, including grades of C in all courses required for the major, and fulfillment of all IVC district requirements for the associate's degree along with all general education requirements. The degree provides a sound basis for transfer to upper division institutions for additional degrees or for higher vocational preparation. To be eligible to receive an Associate Degree the student must complete the requirements for the major, the District requirements for an Associate Degree, and the General Education requirements. In addition students must maintain a minimum grade point average and meet the minimum grade requirements of their program. Detailed information is available in the college catalog.

The Certificate of Achievement program is designed for students with personal or occupational goals who wish early employment. To qualify for the Certificate, a student must satisfy the following requirements: (1) complete all courses listed for a particular certificate.; (2) achieve a "C" average (2.0 GPA) for all courses used to complete the certificate; and, (3) file a Certificate Application form with Admissions and Records by the appropriate deadline(s) identified on the application.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Completing students will be able to work within a long-term care facility, hospital, retail, or other pharmacy under the direction of a licensed pharmacist.

- Pharmacy Technician
- Pharmacy Aide

Other workers who are employed in pharmacies, work with pharmaceutical compounds, or are involved in patient care include: Biological Scientists, Medical Scientists, Physicians and Surgeons, and Registered Nurses.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Imperial Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a bachelor's degree. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with an IVC Counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

Transfer Resources:

www.ASSIST.org – CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine

www.CSUMentor.edu – CSU System Information

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/index.html - UC System Information

www.aiccu.edu – California Independent Colleges and Universities, Association of

<http://wiche.edu/wue> - Western Undergraduate Exchange Programs

FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that IVC offers a full array of financial aid programs – grants, work study, scholarships, and fee waivers (we do not participate in the federal loan programs). These programs are available to both full and part time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information: www.imperial.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN MAJOR – A.S. DEGREE

Eighteen and one half (18.5) units required for the major.

ALL COURSES FOR THIS MAJOR MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER.

I. Required courses for the major (18.5 units)

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| AHP | 100 | Medical Terminology | 3.0 |
| PHT | 108 | Introduction to Pharmacy Technology | 2.0 |
| PHT | 120 | Pharmacy Technician Body Systems I | 3.0 |
| PHT | 125 | Pharmacy Technician Body Systems II | 3.0 |
| PHT | 130 | Calculation and Pharmacology for Pharmacy Technician | 3.0 |
| PHT | 140 | Pharmacy Technician Operations | 4.5 |

Total Major Units **18.5**

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE

Eighteen and one half (18.5) units required for the certificate.

ALL COURSES FOR THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER.

I. Required courses for the certificate (18.5 units)

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| AHP | 100 | Medical Terminology | 3.0 |
| PHT | 108 | Introduction to Pharmacy Technology | 2.0 |
| PHT | 120 | Pharmacy Technician Body Systems I | 3.0 |
| PHT | 125 | Pharmacy Technician Body Systems II | 3.0 |
| PHT | 130 | Calculation & Pharmacology for Pharmacy Technician | 3.0 |
| PHT | 140 | Pharmacy Technician Operations | 4.5 |

Total Certificate Units **18.5**