

Pharmacy Technology

Program Purpose

The Pharmacy Technology Program is designed to prepare students to assume positions in both institutional and retail pharmacies. The program curriculum consist of theory courses, lab activities, and supervised clinical internships. Program curriculum consist of theory courses, lab activities, and supervised clinical internships. Program coursework includes pharmacology, medical terminology, pharmacy laws, and regulations, and pharmaceutical calculations. Clinical Internship are utilized to enable students to take the knowledge and skills they have obtained and apply them in a working pharmacy environment.

Occupational Data

Median annual wage of pharmacy technicians in May 2016 was \$30,920 with the highest 10 percent earning more than \$45,710 (Source: U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics).

Admission Requirements

1. Applicants must complete the online Application for Admission at www.rstc.edu or obtain the most current application upon request from the Admissions Office of the College. Applicants should submit their application to the Office of Admissions, Reid State Technical College, P.O. Box 588 Evergreen, AL 36401, as early as possible prior to the semester in which they plan to enroll.
2. All applicants are to submit an official, sealed high school transcript or GED and college transcript(s) prior to final acceptance. Mail to Admissions, P.O. Box 588, Evergreen, AL 36401 or send via electronic submission through Parchment or National Student Clearinghouse. Proof of registration for Selective Service for males 18-26 years of age and proof of in-state residency is required.
3. Pell Grants should be submitted electronically by the student at www.FAFSA.ed.gov. Students planning to apply for financial aid should make an appointment with the Financial Aid Director if assistance is needed.
4. When the above forms are received and properly completed, they will be processed and approved or disapproved, and the applicant will be notified of his/her admission status.
5. All admitted students are required to take the ACCUPLACER placement exam or some other placement exam prior to registration for more than four credit hours, unless the student scored 20 or above on the ACT exam in Reading and Math, and 18 in English/Writing. An exam schedule can be obtained from the Testing Coordinator or online at www.rstc.edu.
6. Students who do not have a high school diploma or GED may enroll in selected programs. However, the student must pass the Ability-to-Benefit test prior to being admitted to the College. A testing schedule may be obtained from the Testing Coordinator or online at www.rstc.edu.
7. A student who does not have a high school diploma or GED may enroll in selected programs. Reid State Technical College utilizes the ACCUPLACER Test as the assessment instrument for purposes of exception to standard admission cases. A student must meet the following cut scores prior to being admitted to the college. Testing placement and schedules may be obtained from the Testing office.

Selection, Notification, and Admission Criteria into the program:

1. Students will be selected based on their completion of admissions requirements and the college application.
2. Upon acceptance into the Pharmacy Technology Program, the student must submit:
 - a. A completed physical form certifying that the student is good health and is able to meet clinical.
 - b. Evidence of Hepatitis B immunization and other vaccinations.
 - c. Proof of Health Insurance
 - d. A drug and alcohol screen and background check required by the participating clinical agency, all of which will be purchased at the student's own expense. In addition, random drug screens will be conducted if there is reasonable cause to believe a student is in violation of the institutional conduct code of the federal Drug-Free Workplace Act Regulations. If the student has a positive drug screen, then the student will be dismissed from the program immediately.
 - e. Submit an immunization record showing that a 2 step TB test has been completed, proof of Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), tetanus, proof of varicella, and during flu season a current influenza immunization.
 - f. Submit proof of CPR certification before they will be allowed into clinical facilities.
 - g. Obtain an Alabama Pharmacy Technician Registration.

Certification Requirements

Certification as a Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) is achieved upon successful completion of the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE). In addition, pharmacy technicians are required to register with the Alabama Board of Pharmacy.

Pharmacy Technology Short Term Certificate:

MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED: 27 Semester Credit Hours

LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 2 Semesters of full-time attendance

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE: 1 Semester Credit Hour		Theory	Lab/Clinical	Contact	Credit
ORT 100	Orientation	1	0	1	1
TECHNICAL CONCENTRATION: Semester 26 Credit Hours					
PHM 100	Introduction to Pharmacy	2	0	2	2
PHM 102	Pharmacology I	3	0	3	3
PHM 205	Computers and Billing	2	1	5	3
PHM 207	Institutional Pharmacy	3	0	3	3
PHM 210	Pharmacy Practice	1	2	7	3
PHM 112	Pharmacology II	3	0	3	3
PHM 113	Drugs and Health	3	0	3	3
PHM 211	Clinical Practicum I	1	2	7	3
PHM 212	Clinical Practicum II	0	3	9	3