PHARMACY TECHNOLOGY (Short-Term Certificate)

Program Purpose

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

Occupational Data

Pharmacy Technicians prepare medications under the supervision of a pharmacist. They may measure, mix, count out, label, and record amounts and dosages of medication according to prescription orders. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the national median wage for pharmacy personnel was $19.35/hr. in 2022.

Program Outcome Objectives

- Program graduates will be proficient in communication, computation, and interpersonal skills.
- Program graduates will be technically proficient.
- Program graduates will be able to obtain industry certification.
- Program graduates will be successfully employed in the field.
- Employers of program graduates will be satisfied with their education and training.

Admission Requirements

- Applicants must complete the online Application for Admission at www.reidstate.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 Community College, P.O. Box 588 Evergreen, AL 36401, as early as possible prior to the semester in which they plan to enroll.

- 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.

- Pell Grants should be submitted electronically by the student at https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa. Students planning to apply for financial aid should make an appointment with the Financial Aid Director if assistance is needed.

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.

- 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.reidstate.edu.
- 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.reidstate.edu.
- A student who does not have a high school diploma or GED may enroll in selected programs. Reid State

Community College utilizes the ACCUPLACER Test as the assessment instrument for purposes of the 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 for the program:

- Students will be selected based on their completion of admissions requirements and the college application.
- Upon acceptance into the Pharmacy Technology Program, the student must submit:
  - A completed physical form certifying that the student is in good health and is able to meet clinical.
  - Evidence of Hepatitis B immunization and other vaccinations.
  - Proof of Health Insurance
  - A drug and alcohol screen and background check are 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.
  - 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.
  - Submit proof of CPR certification before they will be allowed into clinical facilities.
  - 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 prior to attending clinical rotation.

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MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED: 27 Semester Credit Hours
LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 2 Semesters of full-timeattendance

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE: 1 Semester Credit Hour			Theory	Lab	Clinical	Contact	Credit
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TECHNICAL CONCENTRATION: 26 Semester Credit Hours							
PHM	100	Introduction to Pharmacy	2	0	0	2	2
PHM	102	Pharmacy Technology 1	3	0	0	3	3
PHM	205	Billings and Computers	2	1	0	5	3
PHM	207	Institutional Pharmacy	3	0	0	3	3
PHM	210	Pharmacy Practice	1	2	0	7	3

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE: 1 Semester Credit Hour			Theory	Lab	Clinical	Contact	Credit
PHM	112	Pharmacy Technology II	3	0	0	3	3
PHM	113	Drugs and Health	3	0	0	3	3
PHM	211	Pharmacy Technician Practicum I	1	0	2	7	3
PHM	212	Pharmacy Technician Practicum II	0	0	3	9	3