

Career Major:

# Advanced Pharmacy Technician

Pathway:  
Therapeutic

Cluster:  
Health Science



## Career description:

Helps licensed pharmacists provide medication and other healthcare products to patients. Technicians usually perform routine tasks to help prepare prescribed medication for patients, such as counting tablets and labeling bottles. Technicians receive written prescriptions or requests for prescription refills from patients. They also may receive prescriptions sent electronically from the doctor's office. They must verify that the information on the prescription is complete and accurate. Technicians may establish and maintain patient profiles, prepare insurance claim forms, and stock and take inventory of prescription and over-the-counter medications. Advanced Pharmacy Technicians use sterile techniques and perform pharmaceutical compounding. They often work in hospitals, long term care facilities and compounding pharmacies.

## Courses:

- Core Medical Terminology
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Core Healthcare Provider CPR and First Aid
- Orientation to the Pharmacy Technician Career
- Pharmacy Law and Ethics
- Pharmaceutical Compounding
- Sterile Products
- Pharmacology for PhT
- Pharmacological Calculations
- Hospital and Long Term Care Pharmacy Operations
- Retail Pharmacy Operations
- Pharmaceutical Terminology
- Professional Skills in the Pharmacy
- Pharmacy Technician Certification Preparation
- Pharmacy Technician Internship

## AVERAGE SALARY

**\$29,120/year**

### Program Length:

600 hours

### Who Can Attend:

High school seniors and adults

### Schedules Available:

Morning class: 8:10-11:00 am

Afternoon class: 12:40-3:30 pm

### FULL-TIME STUDENTS:

Attend both sessions.

## Entrance Requirements:

If you are a high school student, please contact your high school counselor about enrollment. Prospective adult students should contact a Meridian career counselor for enrollment information.

## Tuition:

Tuition is free for students enrolled in one of our district high schools. Students can attend during their senior year. Scholarships are available to qualified applicants who graduate from one of our district high schools if they enroll within two years of graduation. Adult tuition is based on the number of hours in the chosen career major. A Meridian career counselor will be able to provide more information.

## College Credit:

College credit is available for this career. Please contact a Meridian career counselor for more information.

## Licensure/Certification:

In addition to certification from Meridian, students are eligible to take a certification exam through the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board. For more information, visit: [www.ptcb.org](http://www.ptcb.org).