

Cool Career or Job Exploration: Your Choice

Are you interested in having a career straight out of high school? Are you thinking about becoming a doctor, pharmacist, or nurse? Maybe you should consider taking the Pharmacy Technology course.

Pharmacy Technology is an on-line course that is offered to seniors. The cost of the course is \$250. So, are you wondering “what do I get for \$250?” Well, you get access to an on-line tutorial course for 12 months that prepares you to take and pass the National Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Exam (PTCB exam). This is one step towards becoming a Certified Pharmacy Technician in South Carolina. South Carolina requires that four requirements are met in the process of becoming a Certified Pharmacy Technician. These requirements are:

- Possess a high school diploma or equivalent (This is why the course is offered to seniors. The student must have a HS diploma or equivalent to take the PCTB exam.)
- Complete an academic training program (This is **NOT** met by taking the Pharmacy Technology course at Wando.)
- Pass the PTCB exam (It is the student’s responsibility to register and take the PTCB after graduation. The cost for this is \$129.)
- Complete 1000 hours of practice (in addition to those obtained in training) under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist.

Pharmacy Technicians work under the guidance of registered Pharmacists. They actually fill medications and other tasks in the pharmacy. Students who take the Pharmacy Technology course may be hired in a pharmacy before they complete all of the above requirements. Many pharmacies give the employee a raise as each requirement is reached.

The course introduces the student to basic terminology, medications and their actions, laws affecting the pharmacy industry, medical math calculations and basic pharmacy operations. These are valuable topics for anyone who might be interested in many health related careers, particularly careers in nursing, medicine and pharmacy. So, if you would like a job straight of high school or if you would like to explore a career in a pharmacy, this course may be for you.