

General Information

Enrollment

Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Clinical affiliates of the Tennessee College of Applied Technology - Livingston require drug testing and background checks of each student enrolled in the Pharmacy Technology program before participating in training at clinical sites. For more information on enrollment, contact the school.

Admission Policy

A. Tennessee College of Applied Technology Livingston admits applicants on a "first-come, first serve" basis.

1. Applicants Not Enrolled in High School

a. Applicants not enrolled in high school are eligible for admission provided that:

1. They are at least eighteen (18) years of age or have a high school diploma or equivalent.
2. Select a program of study
3. Complete an admissions application
4. Submit program specific materials and complete additional requirements of the chosen program (if required).

B. Admission of Church-Related and Home School Students

1. Students who have attended a church-related school or home school as defined by T.C.A. § 49-50-801 and T.C.A. § 49-6-3050 are eligible for admission
 - A. Church-Related or Home School Students who do not present valid ACT, SAT or other approved assessment scores at time of admissions may be subject to program assessments to determine program eligibility.

C. Admission of Foreign Non-Immigrants

1. Foreign non-immigrant applicants are eligible for admission if they meet the same conditions required for other applicants as well as the requirements of the U.S. Bureau of Naturalization and Immigration.

D. Standardized Examination Scores

1. Colleges of applied technology may use standardized test scores for advisement and placement purposes.

E. Applicants Enrolled in High School

Applicants enrolled in high school are eligible for admission provided that:

1. An agreement authorizing such admission concluding between the local Board of Education and the Tennessee College of Applied Technology. Such agreements are subject to the approval of the Chancellor or his designee.

Admission Procedures (www.tcatlivingston.edu)

STEPS FOR ENROLLMENT



Class Schedules

Full-time classes are offered Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Part-time class schedules may vary according to local needs.

Student Cost

Cost can be found on our website at www.tcatlivingston.edu/programs.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to those students who are eligible. Students can be assessed for eligibility for Federal Pell Grants, Federal SEOG, TN Student Assistance Award, Wilder Naifeh Technical Skills Grant, TN Promise, TN Reconnect, and Federal Work Study. The school also coordinates efforts with the Department of Veteran's Affairs, Voc. Rehabilitation, WIOA, TRA and TOPS.

Local High School Articulation

The Tennessee College of Applied Technology at Livingston has articulation agreements with local high schools in the school's service area. These agreements establish guidelines by which high school students may receive advanced placement in programs for skills acquired in high school. For more information on how to receive advanced placement, contact your high school guidance counselor or the Student Services Office at TCAT Livingston.

-For Gainful Employment Information see website

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Pharmacy Technology

Approximately: 12 Months

Mission Statement

The mission of the Pharmacy Technology program is to prepare students to assist pharmacists in preparing and dispensing medication. Students will gain experience in prescription entry, IV preparation, sterile technique, inventory control duties, and customer service. Training also includes processing and maintenance of records, prescription filling, label generation, and other aspects of patient care. Clinical training is provided in various Pharmacy settings. Upon completion of training, students will be prepared to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE).

Course Description

This 12 month program is designed to provide training in the competencies required of a Pharmacy Technician. A Pharmacy Technician assists and supports licensed pharmacist in providing healthcare and medication to patients. Technicians must have a broad knowledge of pharmacy practice, skills, and techniques. Often, technicians are the first and last person a patient will interact with within the pharmacy. Because of this, communication skills and customer service are an integral part of training.

Diploma

Pharmacy Technician Diploma — 1296

Course Outline

Curriculum Content

- Pharmacy Practice and Lab
- Pharmacy Math
- Keyboarding
- Sterile Products
- Third Party Reimbursement
- Pharmacology
- Clinical Training and PTCE Exam Preparation
- Career Readiness
- Law, Ethics, and HIPAA
- Top Drugs

Job Opportunities

The job outlook for pharmacy technicians is superb. At present, the job is being redefined, moving away from lay clerical status to paraprofessional status involving education beyond high school, and in many cases, professional registration and certification. The estimated number of technicians is expected to grow significantly. Wages are also expected to increase. Hospitals and chain store pharmacies tend to have excellent benefit packages, including medical and dental plans, retirement plans, etc.

Overview

Pharmacy Technicians work under the supervision of a pharmacist. Due to the fast paced nature of pharmacy, technicians must be able to multitask, delegate, prioritize, and work independently without constant direction. Technicians must also be very flexible and have a desire to learn. New medications are released at a constant rate and information is always changing. Likewise, a technician's duties may change on a daily basis. Pharmacy is constantly evolving to meet patient needs and the staff must be prepared to evolve with it. Students will become knowledgeable in the practice of retail, hospital, and long term care facilities.

Pharmacy Technicians may fill many positions such as: Retail Technician, Nuclear Pharmacy Technician, IV Technician, Clinical Technician, Supervisory Technician, Insurance Billing Technician, Computer Support Technicians, and Instructors. Work setting include: Retail Pharmacies, Hospitals, Distribution Centers, Drug Wholesalers, Medical Insurance Companies, Drug Manufacturing Companies, and many more.

Demand: The estimated number of technicians is expected to grow significantly.

