

# Pharmacy Technician

(Newport News Campus) Course #8305/8306

Verified credit w/ ExCPT Examination

Health Sciences

## Do You Like?

- Being Part of a Team
- A Laboratory Setting
- Career Opportunities in Pharmaceutical Medicine
- Helping Others in a Health-Care Environment

..... Then this is the program for you!

## About the program:

With our avg. population increasing in age, prescription medications are rapidly growing in their importance in the health-care industry. Those in the industry on the VA Peninsula have identified Pharmacy Technician as their number one area of employment need. In the next several years, job growth for pharmacy technicians will be twice the avg. for all occupations in VA. The New Horizons program will provide students an in-depth exposure to the pharmaceutical industry. It will assist students in becoming skilled in preparing/dispensing prescriptions, compounding medications, preparing intravenous medications, stocking medications and repackaging medications. The Pharmacy Technician Program is a one-year program (two semester class) course. Students will be prepared to take the ExCPT Examination which is recognized nationally.

## Topics of study:

- Exploring the world of pharmacy
- Communication
- Applying pharmacy calculations
- Prescription & Over-The-Counter Drugs
- Safety
- Patients & Caregivers
- Inventory Control Systems
- Administration & Mgt. of Pharmacy Practice
- Factors of Drug Addition
- Opioid Crisis
- Understanding Pain Mgt. Protocols

## Additional Information:

A prerequisite for enrolling in Pharmacy Technician is completion of Algebra I and English 10 with a grade of "B" or above. Upon completing this one-year program, students will be administered the ExCPT Examination. Passing the exam qualifies students to apply for certification as a Pharmacy Technician in most states

## Career Opportunities:

- Hospitals
- Long-term Health Care Facilities
- Community Pharmacies

## Certifications:

- ExCPT Examination