

Michigan Career and Technical Institute – East Pharmacy Technician

Program Description

In this program, students will acquire essential customer service skills needed to interact professionally with pharmacy customers, co-workers, and other healthcare professionals. They will learn to work safely in a team and independently. Students also receive hands-on experience in receiving, processing and distributing prescriptions in the pharmacy. Emphasis is placed on following all pharmacy related laws and regulations.

Application Requirements

Acceptance in MCTI East program; 8th grade reading/math level.

Additional Requirements

Math skills: Algebra, proportions, decimals, fractions, weights & measures

Aptitude/Abilities

- Ability to stand for long periods of time
- Ability to problem solve, communicate in oral/written formats, precise and accurate work
- Strong interpersonal communication skills
- Ability to use information technology; basic keyboarding skills – 30 wpm
- Task planning, time management and organization
- Demonstrates good judgment; enjoys a variety of tasks
- Take initiative and adapt to change

Job Outlook

Employment is expected to increase much faster than the average through 2016, and job opportunities are expected to be good. Graduates will be placed with CVS for on the job training. Entry-level wages vary by geographic area and range from approximately \$8.00 - \$13.00.

What is a Pharmacy Technician?

A Pharmacy Technician (PT) is a pharmacy staff member who works under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist, and performs many pharmacy-related functions. In most cases, job duties include giving medication and other health care products to patients, as well as working with third party and doctors' offices in resolving adjudication of patients' insurance or state program.

What tasks does a Pharmacy Technician do?

- Retrieving prescription orders
- Fill prescription request for patients
- Counting, pouring, measuring and weighing tablets and medications
- Creating prescription labels
- Completing cash register transactions
- Taking inventory of over-the-counter medications
- Being aware of the latest medicines and their availability

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Work Keys

1. Reading for Information Work-Keys Level 4.
2. Applied Mathematics Work-Keys Level 4.
3. Locating Information Work-Keys Level 4.

CASAS Scaled Score

1. Reading & Math 226 – 235.

Temperament

1. Perform a VARIETY (V) of tasks.
2. Perform effectively under STRESS (S) on tasks that require situational attention.
3. Enjoy working with PEOPLE (P) in situations that require cooperative relationships.
4. Perform precision work, TOLERANCES (T), and standards.
5. Perform REPETITIVE (R) or short cycle work.
6. Working UNDER (U) specific instructions.

Aptitudes

1. Average verbal (V) GATB: 92-109. Valpar: 3.
2. Above average numerical (N) GATB: 110-125. Valpar: 2.
3. Average clerical (Q) GATB: 92-109. Valpar: 3.

Demonstrate attention to detail, and a temperament to accept criticism. Above average ability to apply ratios and proportions in converting measurements.