

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION

Trinity River Campus East

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1. INTRODUCTION

Due to the aging population and the COVID-19 virus, there is an increased demand for skilled pharmacy technicians. The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) predicts that employment opportunities for pharmacy technicians in Texas will increase by 25% from 2018 to 2028.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Tarrant County College's (TCC) Pharmacy Technician program equips students with the essential skills and knowledge as a pharmacy technician in diverse settings. The program is credentialed by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB). Additionally, the Pharmacy Technician program is identified as an Occupational Skills Award (OSA), preparing students for gainful employment, and enhancing their marketability to potential employers. Upon program completion, students will receive a TCC program certificate and be prepared to select between two Pharmacy Technician certification exams. Both exams are recognized by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP).

LICENSING NOTICE: TEXAS HOUSE BILL 1508

This program prepares students for an occupational license. However, students may not be eligible for licensing if they have a prior criminal history. See Texas House Bill 1508 Licensing Requirements for more details.

This 232-hour continuing education workforce program is scheduled for **June 23 – November 6, 2025**, Monday through Thursday, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Course delivery format will be blended (a combination of in-person and online) at Trinity River Campus **EAST**. Tuition and textbook fees will be covered by the Biotech Grant.

2. BIOTECH GRANT

Dallas College partnered with Tarrant County College's Health Sciences Division to offer the [Biotechnology Grant](#), a workforce education opportunity. This grant is available for select programs including the Pharmacy Technician program.

The goal is to establish a regional healthcare career pathway model, helping underserved communities gain access to living-wage jobs in the biotechnology field. The grant will cover all six of the Pharmacy Technician courses and the program textbook.

3. THE PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Pharmacy Technicians (PT) work in a variety of pharmacy environments including

- retail pharmacies
- long-term facilities
- hospitals
- insurance companies
- government agencies
- compound pharmacies
- mail-order companies

DAILY ACTIVITIES

A PT must be able to perform standard functional/physical activities while working on the job:

- ✓ Use of upper/lower body movements
- ✓ Ability to bend and stoop
- ✓ Reach, carry and/or lift
- ✓ Ability to grasp, push, and/or pull
- ✓ Extended walking and standing daily
- ✓ Move quickly in response to serving customers

3. THE PHARMACY TECHNICIAN, cont'd.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A Pharmacy Technician works primarily under a licensed pharmacist. They will greet patients, process prescriptions, manage inventory, and process insurance claims.

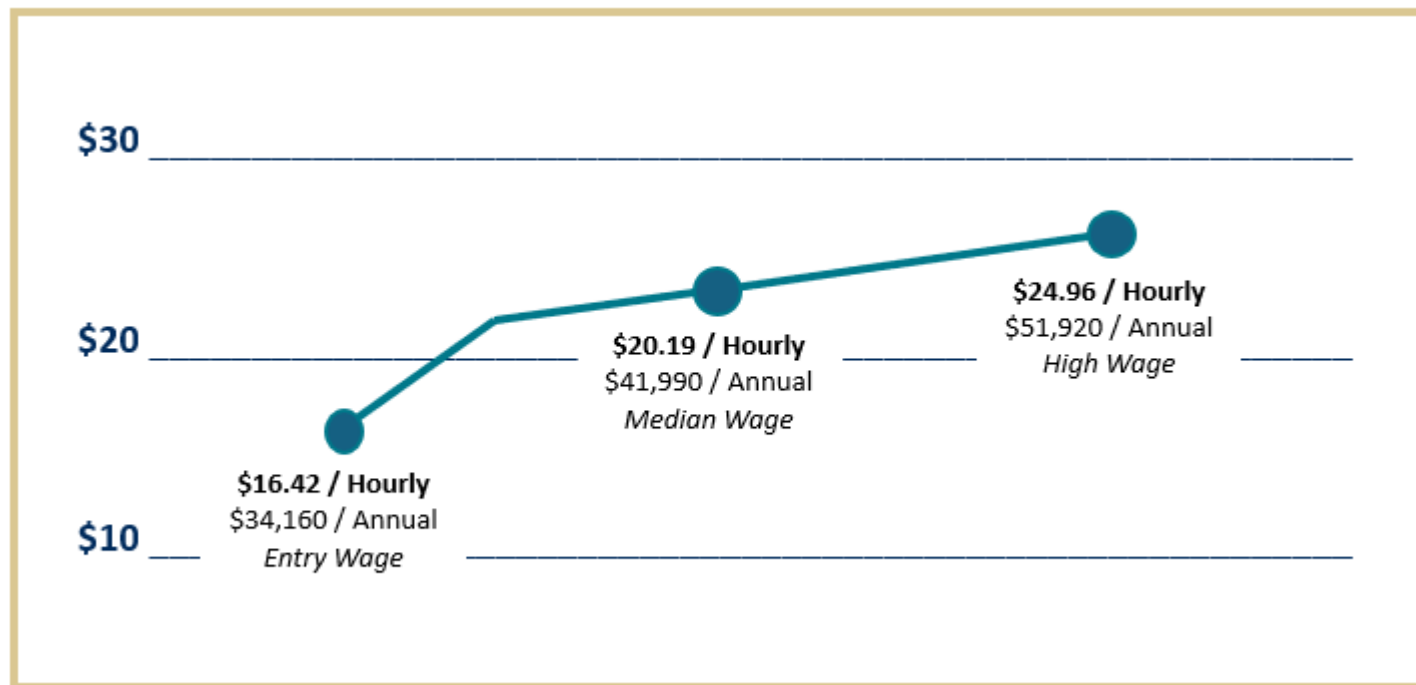
A Pharmacy Technician (PT) will:

- **Effectively Communicate With Patients** – A PT is typically on the frontline to greet patients and receive information to locate prescription(s). Often, a PT answers patient's questions when a pharmacist consult is not necessary or requested at the time of drop off and pick up. A PT must practice patience and deliver clear and concise information to all patients.
- **Manage Accounts** – A PT will manage pharmacy accounts, update insurance information, receive payments from patients, and tally payments and receipts each day.
- **Enter Patient Data** – A PT will use a pharmacy software program to electronically create a patient profile. Patient's information may include contact information, prescription details, insurance claim, and any drug interactions and/or allergies.
- **Process Insurance Claims** – A PT will electronically process insurance claims. If there is an error or discrepancy with the patient's insurance company, the PT will contact the patient.

3. THE PHARMACY TECHNICIAN, cont'd.

- **Process Prescription and Print Labels** – A PT will verify prescriptions to ensure all necessary information such as dosage, patient's details (name, address, phone number), and physician's information (name, business address), is accurately printed on the label as mandated by law.
- **Properly Measure and Mix Medication** – A PT is required to use a digital scale to measure pills or powders and includes counting pills, measuring liquids, and ensuring accurate label placement.
- **Manage Pharmacy Inventory** – A PT is responsible for conducting physical inventory counts and reconciling them with computer records, typically at month-end or as directed. Expired or soon-to-expire medications must be returned to the pharmaceutical company.

4. WAGES*



*Potential wages are based upon 2023 [O*NET](#) Data for the state of Texas.
The information above is subject to change and wages may vary depending on employers.

5. COURSES AND TUITION

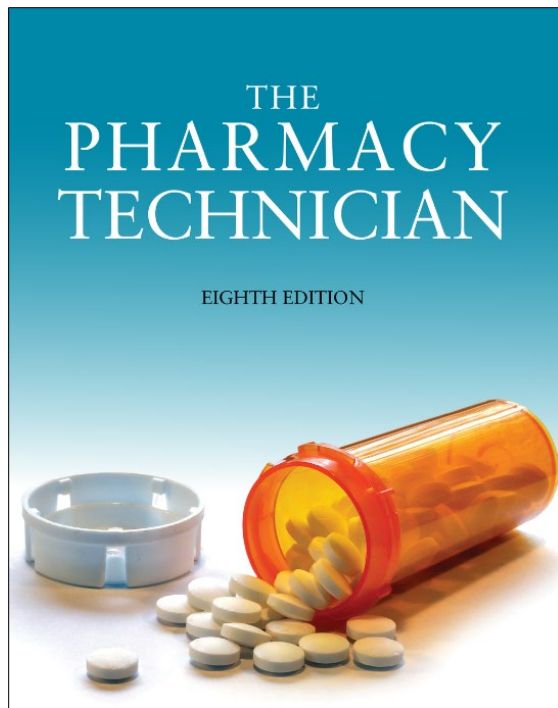
Courses*	Hours	CEUs**	Tuition
PHRA 1001: Introduction Pharmacy Technician	48	4.0	\$250
PHRA 1005: Drug Classification	48	4.8	\$250
PHRA 1009: Pharmacy Mathematics	48	4.8	\$250
PHRA 1004: Pharmacotherapy & Disease	48	4.8	\$250
PHRA 1002: Pharmacy Law	24	2.4	\$140
PHRA 1043: Pharmacy Technician Certification Review	16	1.6	\$115
Total	232	23.2	\$1,255

*The program consists of six (6) courses and taken in order as listed above. Students will be enrolled in two courses at a time.

**CEUs = Continuing Education Units

Tuition will be covered by the Biotech Grant.

6. TEXTBOOK*



- **TITLE:** The Pharmacy Technician, 8th Edition
- **AUTHOR:** Perspective Press | **PUBLISHER:** Top Hat
- **ENDORSED BY:** American Pharmacists Association (APhA)

*The Biotech Grant covers the textbook fee. Textbooks will be issued to students on the first day of class.

7. APPLICATION PROCESS

1. New TCC Students only

- If you have not previously attended TCC, contact a career advisor at 817-515-1484 or TR.HealthCareAdvising@tccd.edu.

2. Review the online “Pharmacy Technician Information Session”

- Save your “Information Session Exit Ticket” to upload with your application

3. Gather the required supporting documents and save to submit with your application:

- High school diploma*, GED, or high school equivalency
- Test scores – if applicable
- College transcript(s)* to provide proof of exemption from the TSI exam
- Information Session Exit Ticket

*International high school diploma or college transcript must be evaluated for U.S. equivalency.
Contact: International Academic Credential Evaluators, Inc. ([IACEI](http://iacei.com)) | Denton, TX | at 940-383-7498.

(All correspondence takes place via phone, email, or mail)

4. Fill out the online application

- Upload the required documents
- Complete and electronically sign the online application
- Paper applications will not be accepted

7. APPLICATION PROCESS, cont'd.

5. Register for class

- Once you have been accepted, you will receive an email that will:
 - Notify you of your eligibility to enroll
 - Explain the registration & payment process
 - Give you financial aid information for continuing education

ACCEPTANCE/REGISTRATION

- A maximum of 15 students will be admitted into the program
- Registration is first come, first served providing application is approved

COMMUNICATION

- After students are enrolled in their first two courses, they will receive **ALL** communication via their TCC email address (my.tccd.edu). To activate your TCC email, see [Student Login and Password Help](#). Additional information is available at [Tech Support](#) or call 817-515-8324. Support is available 24/7.

8. FAQs

- **Will the Biotech Grant pay for all of the Pharmacy Technician courses?**

Yes! The grant covers tuition and textbook.

- **Will my financial aid qualify for this program?**

- FAFSA does not apply to this continuing education program.
- Financial Aid offers the Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG) for continuing education workforce courses. The grant is available for individuals with a demonstrated need. Funding is limited to a first-come, first-served basis. See [Financial Aid for Continuing Education](#) for additional information.
- If you apply for TPEG financial aid, TPEG will be applied first, and any remaining balance will be covered by the Biotech grant.

9. QUESTIONS

**For questions regarding the application
and/or testing, please contact**

**Ms. Janette Keen,
Career Technical Education (CTE) Advisor
817-515-1484**

TR.HealthCareAdvising@tccd.edu

10. INFORMATION SESSION TICKET INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE PAY ATTENTION!

To receive credit for this information session,
please click on the link below to sign in and
complete the form:

[Information Session Exit Ticket](#)

Thank you!