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**Fall Semester 2020: Due to COVID-19 pandemic, all classes will be delivered in an online method. Some selected labs may be held in-class - further information will be forthcoming by Instructor before the beginning of Fall Semester 2020.**

**PTCB Exam Update:** “Beginning in January 2020, candidates must complete a PTCB-Recognized Education/Training Program OR equivalent work experience in order to be eligible to take the PTCB Exam”  
<https://www.ptcb.org/credentials/certified-pharmacy-technician>

According to U.S. Bureau of Statistics: Pharmacy Technician Jobs are always in high demand.



**Pharmacy Technician Program**

<b>Quick Facts: Pharmacy Technicians</b>	
<b>2019 Median Pay</b>	\$33,950 per year \$16.32 per hour
<b>Typical Entry-Level Education</b>	High school diploma or equivalent
<b>Work Experience in a Related Occupation</b>	None
<b>On-the-job Training</b>	Moderate-term on-the-job training
<b>Number of Jobs, 2018</b>	420,400
<b>Job Outlook, 2018-28</b>	<b>7% (Faster than average)</b>
<b>Employment Change, 2018-28</b>	31,500



**Dear Applicant:**

Thank you for your interest in the Pharmacy Technician Program. Attached you will find all the information you should need to be eligible for the program.

- Orientation Information
- Upcoming Course Schedule
- Pharmacy Technician Program Application
- Certificate and Degree Requirements
- Fee Requirements
- A Student Check List
- Pharmacy Technician Agreement
- Required Textbook List

Please review the information in this packet. If you have any questions, please contact us at (310) 287-4464 or email us at [WLAC-HealthSci@laccd.edu](mailto:WLAC-HealthSci@laccd.edu) or [tannioc@laccd.edu](mailto:tannioc@laccd.edu)

We look forward to receiving your completed application and seeing you in class soon.

Pharmacy Technician Programs

A Pharmacy Technician is someone licensed by the State of California to work under a pharmacist direction with a broader scope of practice than a pharmacy clerk. Pharmacy Technicians prepare prescribed medication for patients, receive written prescriptions or requests for prescription refills, mix medications, and maintain patient profiles.

The course sequences below show how you can begin working in the field quickly while earning credit towards a more advanced degree, and more fulfilling career choice.

**Required Classes**

**Semester 1 (17 UNITS)**

**15 Weeks:**

- PHRMCTK 21 Retail Products For Pharmacy Clerks – (3.00 Units)
- PHRMCTK 23 Introduction to Pharmacy (2 units)

**First 8 Weeks**

- ALD HTH 56 Communication and Customer Service in Healthcare (1 unit)
- ALD HTH 57 Computers in Health Occupations (1 unit)
- PHRMCTK 29 Body Systems I (3 units)
- PHRMCTK 31 Pharmacy Calculations (2 units)

**Second 8 Weeks:**

- PHRMCTK 30 Body Systems II (3 units)
- PHRMCTK 35 Inpatient Pharmacy Services (2 Units)

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**Intersession (Winter)**

- PHRMCTK 32 Pharmacy Operations (4.75 units)

**Apply for Basic Certificate**

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**Semester 2 (11.5 Units)**

**First 8 Weeks:**

- PHRMCTK 34 Community Pharmacy Externship (2.25 units)

**Second 8 Weeks:**

- PHRMCTK 37 Sterile Products (4.75 units)
- PHRMCTK 36 In-patient Pharmacy Services Externship (2.25 units)
- PHRMCTK 38 Sterile Products Externship (2.25 units)

**Apply for Advanced Certificate and Board of Pharmacy License**

## Pharmacy Technology A.S. Degree -

### Required Classes

**All classes are required for Pharmacy Technician Basic-Advanced Certificates**

*Additionally, Students must also satisfy the Plan B general education requirements for a minimum of 60 units as listed in the Course Catalog and Schedule of Classes- in order to earn an **A.S. Degree in Pharmacy Technology***

## After Your Coursework is Complete - Becoming Licensed to Work

Students completing either the Basic or Advanced Pharmacy Technician Certificate or obtaining and Associates Degree in Pharmacy Technology must become licensed as a Pharmacy Technician by the California State Board of Pharmacy before they are eligible to work as a pharmacy technician. Your professor will be able to help guide you through the process of becoming licensed.

To review the State requirements and download the license applications from the California State Board of Pharmacy go to [http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/tch\\_app\\_pkt.pdf](http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/tch_app_pkt.pdf).

## Program Costs

The current cost of the program can be obtained by contacting the Health Sciences Division. (Tuition and fees are subject to change at any time.)

Additional approximate costs for the program are:

- A basic function calculator (approximately \$20)
- Criminal background check (approximately \$69)
- Clear drug screen (approximately \$45)
- Textbooks (approximately \$300)
- Scrubs (approximately \$100)

During PHRMCTK 38 Externship-**SPRING SEMESTER**

- Live-Scan (approximately \$69)
- Self-Query (\$8)
- Board of Pharmacy Application (**\$195**)-as of 4/1/2020

Financial Aid is available for qualifying students and may be used to offset these additional costs. Contact [West Los Angeles College Office of Financial Aid](#) by email at [financialaid@wla.edu](mailto:financialaid@wla.edu) or by telephone at (310)287-4532 for more information.



### Pharmacy Technician Program Certified/Degree Requirements

	Tech Basic	Tech Advanced	A.S. Degree*
PHRMCTK 21 Retail Products for Pharmacy Clerks (3 units)	✓	✓	✓
PHRMCTK 23 Introduction to Pharmacy (2 units)	✓	✓	✓
PHRMCTK 29 Body Systems I (3 units)	✓	✓	✓
PHRMCTK 30 Body Systems II (3 units)	✓	✓	✓
PHRMCTK 31 Pharmacy Calculations (2 units)	✓	✓	✓
PHRMCTK 32 Pharmacy Operations (5 units)	✓	✓	✓
PHRMCTK 34 Community Pharmacy Services (2 units)	✓	✓	✓
PHRMCTK 35 In-patient Pharmacy Services (2 units)		✓	✓
PHRMCTK 36 In-patient Pharmacy Services Externship (2 units)		✓	✓
PHRMCTK 37 Sterile Products (5 units)		✓	✓
PHRMCTK 38 Sterile Products Externship (2 units)		✓	✓
ALD HTH 56 Communication and Customer Service in Healthcare (1 unit)	✓	✓	✓
ALD HTH 57 Computers in Health Occupations (1 unit)	✓	✓	✓

**Total: 33.25 Units**

- Associates Degree requires the completion of all Plan B general education requirements as listed in the course catalogue.
- Note: None of the above classes are transferable.

## **West Los Angeles College Pharmacy Technician Program**

### Required Pharmacy Technician Program Textbooks:

**ISBN-13: 978-0323443562:** Mosby's Pharmacy Technician: Principles and Practice, 5th Edition. Approximately- \$100

**ISBN-13: 978-0323443579:** Workbook and Lab Manual for Mosby's Pharmacy Technician: Principles and Practice 5th Edition. Approximately- \$50

**ISBN-13: 978-0323428323:** Pharmacy Management Software for Pharmacy Technicians: A Worktext 3rd Edition. Approximately- \$70

### **Certificates of Achievement and Degree**

Students who complete the Fall and Winter semesters will achieve the Certificate of Achievement in **Pharmacy Technician Basic**.

Student who complete the Fall, Winter and Spring semesters will achieve the Certificate of Achievement in **Pharmacy Technician Advanced**

Student who complete the Fall, Winter Spring and Summer and the Plan B requirements will achieve a **Associate of Science Degree**.

Note: If you are interested in pursuing this A.S. Degree, you need to schedule an appointment with a counselor at: <http://www.wlac.edu/Health-Sciences/Online-Counseling.aspx>