



**Q What is a pharmacy technician?**

**A** A pharmacy technician works under the supervision of a pharmacist and assists in a wide variety of skilled activities necessary for the dispensing of drugs and drug information.

**Q What duties does a pharmacy technician perform?**

**A** A pharmacy technician may perform such duties as:

- Maintain patient records
- Set up packages
- Label medication dose
- Fill and dispense routine orders for stock supplies of patient-care areas
- Maintain inventories of drug supplies
- Mix drugs with parenteral fluids

**Q Where does a pharmacy technician work?**

**A** A pharmacy technician may work in a:

- Retail pharmacy
- Hospital pharmacy
- Clinical setting

**Q What is the income potential for a pharmacy technician?**

**A** Income varies depending on the type of pharmacy technician position. The median income for the U.S. is \$22,000 and the median income for the Memphis Metropolitan area is \$21,000.

**Q What will the pharmacy technician technical certificate allow me to do?**

**A** Earn a Technical Certificate of Credit from Southwest and obtain entry-level employment with a flexible schedule.

**Q What is Southwest's employment rate for graduates of the pharmacy technician technical certificate program?**

**A** Southwest's employment rate for pharmacy technician generally exceeds 70 percent each year.



## Q Why choose the pharmacy technician technical certificate program at Southwest?

# A

- Fully accredited programs by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Small classes for more personalized attention
- Flexible class schedules available at multiple campuses, centers, sites; and distance learning opportunities
- Affordable tuition
- Support services, including career counseling, free tutoring and career services, financial aid, job opportunity assistance and on-site child care services

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## Q How do I apply for admission to Southwest?

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- Complete application for Southwest.
- Submit your application and pay \$5 application fee to Bursar's Office.
- Request that an "official" copy of your high school/GED scores, college transcript(s) be sent to:  
[Southwest Tennessee Community College](#)  
P.O. Box 780, Memphis, TN 38101-0780
- Apply for financial aid (if applicable).
- Complete testing requirements.
- Complete new student orientation, either online or on campus.
- Review the College's academic calendar or printed schedule of classes for registration dates, times and locations.
- Meet with academic advisor.
- Register for classes online, via TRAVIS or in person.
- Pay your fees or ensure that your financial aid is in place for your course.

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