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Prospective students are advised that a lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission to, or participation in vocational education programs at Foothill College as long as other, if any, program admission standards are met. This notice is a requirement of the *Guidelines for Elimination of Discrimination & Denial of Services on the Basis of Race, Color, National Origin, Sex and Handicap (Federal Register; Vol. 22, No. 56)*.

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Pharmacy Technician Program

The nine-month Foothill College Pharmacy Technician Program is designed to prepare you for employment as a pharmacy technician. It is an intensive sequence of instruction accredited by the American Association of Health System Pharmacists.

Pharmacy technicians are in demand nationwide—especially throughout California. As a pharmacy technician, you can work in a variety of settings, including retail pharmacies, hospitals, home health care, public and government health agencies, veterinary pharmacies and nursing homes. Students who successfully complete the Foothill program are awarded the Career Certificate in Pharmacy Technology and are qualified to apply to the California State Board of Pharmacy for registration as a pharmacy technician.

The expanded two-year Pharmacy Technician Program is also available at Foothill College and includes general education instruction. This course sequence leads to an Associate in Science Degree in Pharmacy Technology, and prepares you to apply to a four-year program, or enter the job market with additional technical and theoretical background.

Job Description & Typical Duties

Under the supervision of a registered pharmacist, as a pharmacy technician in California you can perform tasks related to receiving, dispensing, distributing, controlling, maintaining, compounding, manufacturing, packaging and labeling of pharmaceutical products.

In addition, you can expect to perform a variety of job duties, including filling prescriptions and medication orders; preparing sterile products using aseptic technique; preliminarily reviewing new orders and prescriptions; preparing unit dose and multi-dose medications; performing data entry and label generation; transcribing physician orders and prescriptions to patient profiles; maintaining inventory and stock; and maintaining pharmacy work areas.

Prerequisites

All requirements are subject to change. For the most current requirements, access www.foothill.edu/bio/programs/pharmtec. To be considered for admission to the program, you must meet the following requirements:

- High school diploma or equivalency;
- Biology proficiency: completion of high school biology course or college-level *BIO 10* course;
- Math proficiency: High School algebra, *MATH 101* or placement into the *MATH 105* course on the Foothill College assessment test; and

- English proficiency: eligibility for *ESL 25* or *ENGL 110* course as determined by the Foothill English assessment test. To schedule algebra and English assessment, call **(650) 949-7230** or **(650) 949-6958**.

Additional Information

- We *strongly* recommend that you complete or concurrently enroll in the *PHT 200L: Pharmacy Technician as a Career* course.*
- Official high school and college transcripts are required.
- Registration with the California State Board of Pharmacy is a requirement for work as a pharmacy technician.
- Drug and alcohol felony convictions may preclude registration by the state.
- Biology studied in a language other than English will not be considered.
- Keyboarding proficiency of 35 words per minute is highly recommended.
- All Pharmacy Technician Program courses meet at the Foothill Middlefield Campus in Palo Alto.
- Background screening and drug testing may be required by clinical facilities.

How to Apply

Each spring, 35 students are selected for admittance into the program, which begins in Fall Quarter. Applications are available Aug. 15. The application deadline is April 30 or until program is filled. Application deadlines are subject to change. Final selection for the following September class is made by May 23. Applicants are notified of acceptance or non-acceptance by June 1.

For program information, fees, deadlines, admission criteria and application, access www.foothill.edu/bio/programs/pharmtec or request an application packet by calling **(650) 949-6955** or **(650) 949-7249**. Applications are also available at the Foothill College Middlefield Campus, 4000 Middlefield Road, in Palo Alto; and Foothill College Biological & Health Sciences Division Office, 12345 El Monte Road, in Los Altos Hills.

Support Services

- Academic counseling is available at no charge. Call **(650) 949-6958**.
- Financial aid, student loans and scholarships are available to qualified students. Call **(650) 949-6987**.
- Kaider Scholarship applications for qualified students enrolled in health career programs are available. Call **(650) 949-6987**.

*Effective 2007.

About Foothill College

Foothill College is located on El Monte Road in Los Altos Hills, just off Interstate 280, about 40 miles south of San Francisco.

Since opening in 1958, Foothill has been recognized as one of the outstanding community colleges in the country. Foothill College offers outstanding instruction and student support services, including counseling, tutoring and financial aid.

The Pharmacy Technician Program is offered by the Biological & Health Sciences Division. For more information, access www.foothill.edu/bio or call **(650) 949-6955** or **(650) 949-7249**.



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