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Therapeutic Services

COMMUNITY PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

(30-536-1)

Technical Diploma

Most Courses Offered at

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	√	Course Number	Course Title	Requisites	Credits	Hrs/Wk Lec - Lab
Semester 1		501-102	Medical Language, Intro to	Prereq: Advisor Consent	1	1-0
		103-143	Computers for Professionals	Prereq: 103-142 (See Note 4)	3	2-2
		536-112	* Pharmacy Business Applications	Prereq: 834-109 Coreq: 536-115; 536-121 (See Note 7)	3	3-0
		536-115	* Pharmacy Law	Prereq: 834-109 Coreq: 536-112; 536-121 (See Note 7)	2	2-0
		536-121	* Fund. Reading Prescriptions	Prereq: 834-109 Coreq: 536-112; 536-115 (See Note 7)	2	1-2
Semester 2		536-110	* Pharmacy Calculations	Prereq: 501-102; 536-121; 834-109 Coreq: 536-134 (See Note 7)	3	3-0
		536-122	* Pharmacology for Pharm Tech	Prereq: 501-102; 103-143; 536-112; 536-115; 536-121 Coreq: 536-110, 536-134 (See Note 7)	3	3-0
		536-134	* Managing Pharmacy Benefits	Prereq: 536-112; 536-121 Coreq: 536-110 (See Note 7)	3	3-0
Semester 3		536-139	* Community Pharmacy Clinical	(See Notes 3, 6 & 7)	3	0-0-9

**Minimum Program
Total Credits Required 23**

Certification: Two organizations, the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board and the Institute for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians, administer national certification examinations. Certification is voluntary in most states, but is required by some states and employers. Some technicians are hired without formal training, but under the condition that they obtain certification within a specified period of time. To be eligible for either exam, candidates must have a high school diploma or GED, no felony convictions of any kind within 5 years of applying, and no drug or pharmacy related felony convictions at any point.

Federal regulations require disclosure of the following information for this program:

Books and Supplies	Resident Tuition and Fees	Median Loan Debt ¹	On-time Graduation Rate ²	U.S. Department of Labor Standard Occupational (SOC) Code & Occupational Profile – available at http://www.onetonline.org
\$1,620	\$3,020	\$2,334	0.0%	Pharmacy Technicians (29-2052)

¹ **Median Loan Debt:** Based on eligibility, students can receive loans to help pay for the total cost of attending college. The cost is comprised of tuition and fees, books and supplies, transportation costs, room and board, and miscellaneous personal expenses. Therefore, medial loan debt may be more than the listed tuition, fees, books, and supplies cost.

² **On-time Graduation Rate:** Dependent upon students' choice to attend college part-time or full-time. Students decide to attend college part-time for a number of reasons including work schedule/demands and family responsibilities. 76 percent of students at Gateway attend part-time, therefore taking longer to complete their chosen program of study.



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The *Community Pharmacy Technician* diploma program is designed to prepare you to assist the pharmacist in preparation of drug products and prescriptions to be dispensed to the general public. The course of study covers one year of both academic and clerkship courses. This program is directed toward providing you with the skills and knowledge needed to obtain employment in either community or outpatient hospital pharmacies. Community pharmacy technicians perform a variety of tasks including preparation of prescriptions, all types of record-keeping, inventory control, cash and credit transactions and third-party claims. Emphasis is placed on communication and customer relations in this health care occupation.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Graduates of the Community Pharmacy Technician Technical Diploma Program should be able to:

1. Prepare prescription and med. products under the supervision of a pharmacist.
2. Demonstrate customer service skills to patients, prescribers, insurance agents and other members of the community.
3. Demonstrate ability to work cooperatively within the pharmacy team.
4. Communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.
5. Demonstrate essential computer skills.
6. Complete math calculations accurately.
7. Prepare and manage pharmaceutical inventories.
8. Dem. the role of a Community Pharmacy Technician in the clinical setting.
9. Demonstrate a commitment to continuous learning and professional development.

CORE ABILITIES

Gateway believes students need both technical knowledge and skills and core abilities in order to succeed in a career and in life. The following nine core abilities are the general attitudes and skills promoted and assessed by all Gateway programs. All Gateway graduates should be able to:

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| 1. Act responsibly | 6. Respect themselves and others as a member of a diverse community |
| 2. Communicate clearly and effectively | 7. Think critically and creatively |
| 3. Demonstrate essential comp. skills | 8. Work cooperatively |
| 4. Demonstrate essential math skills | 9. Value learning |
| 5. Develop job seeking skills | |

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Students must submit an application & \$30 fee.
2. Students must complete reading, writing, math, and computer skills placement assessments.
3. Students must submit official high school, GED, or HSED transcript including a graduation or passing date.
4. Students must complete a Background Disclosure form and must request and pay for a background check. Applicants for all health science programs are subject to a review of their criminal backgrounds. Positive background checks may negatively impact your ability to pursue a health career at Gateway Technical College. Each case will be individually evaluated based on all available evidence provided to the college.
5. Students must complete a functional ability form verifying they have read and understand the functional abilities for the program.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Minimum 23 credits with an average of 2.0 or above.
2. *A minimum grade of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses.
For a complete list of Graduation Requirements check the Student Handbook.

NOTES

1. Clinical sites may require proof of health insurance, immunizations, and a physical.
2. Any course may be taken prior to entry in the program, assuming prerequisites and corequisites have been satisfied (or waived with department approval).
3. Course 536-139 can only be completed after all other program courses have been successfully completed.
4. A satisfactory placement test score (or successful remediation) is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details.
5. This program has a second-tier admission process for clinical/practicum/program courses called petitioning. Students are selected based on completion of academic eligibility requirements and district residency. See <https://www.gtc.edu/student-services/admissions/what-petitioning> for additional information.
6. Students will be selected for their core 536 courses using a petitioning process.
7. Students must meet petitioning requirements prior to enrolling in 536 courses.
8. Eye protection and white lab coat are required for pharmacy laboratory exercises.
9. Students selecting courses in Elkhorn will be scheduled in the afternoon. Students selecting courses in Racine will be scheduled Friday and Saturday evenings.

OTHER INFORMATION

Gateway Technical College reserves the right to modify curriculum requirements for students who interrupt enrollment for a period of two years or take over seven years to complete. Tuition and material fees are determined by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System. Consult the Master Class Schedule for exact fee amounts. Occasionally, the District may offer a particular course out of published sequence. By doing so, the District does not obligate itself to offer succeeding courses out of published sequence.

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To schedule an appointment with an advisor, please call 1-800-247-7122.

For a complete list of course descriptions (and possible online courses) for this program, please consult Web Advisor on our web page at www.gtc.edu.

My advisor is _____ My advisor's contact information is _____.