Pharmacy Technician (31-536-1)
Technical Diploma
Effective 2021/2022

The course sequence shown on this sheet is the recommended path to completion. Courses will be scheduled in the terms indicated here.
All courses should be taken in the order shown to help you stay on track and graduate according to your academic plan.

This program is offered in a hybrid format. Courses labeled with a (+) will be offered completely online.
B-E = Burlington Center/evenings, F=Fall, S=Spring, SU=Summer

Term	Course #	Cr.	Course Title	Requisites (prereq- before/ coreq-with)	B-E
1	890-155	1	⚲ Gateway to Success (G2S)		F/S
1	*536-110	3	☞ Pharmacy Calculations[2,3]	Prereq: 834-109	F/S
1	*536-115	2	Pharmacy Law		F/S
1	*536-121	2	Fund. Reading Prescriptions		F/S+
1	*536-108	4	Pharmacy Services I[3]	Prereq: Instructor Consent; Coreq: 536-110; 536-115; 536-121	F/S
1	*536-105	2	Pharmacy Community Clinical[4,5]	Coreq: 536-108	F/S
2	*536-101	3	Sterile Tech for Pharm Tech	Prereq: 536-105; 536-108	S/F
2	*536-104	1	Pharmacy Benefit Management	Prereq: 536-105; 536-108	S/F+
2	*536-107	1	Pharmacy Distribution Systems	Prereq: 536-105; 536-108	S/F
2	*536-122	3	Pharmacology for Pharm Tech	Prereq: 536-105; 536-108	S/F+
2	*536-109	2	Pharmacy Services II	Prereq: 536-105; 536-108	S/F
2	*536-103	2	Pharmacy Hospital Clinical[4,5]	Prereq: 536-105; 536-108; Coreq: 536-101; 536-104; 536-107; 536-109; 536-122	S/F
3	801-196 OR 801-198	3	Oral/Interpersonal Communication OR Speech		SU/S+
3	*501-101	3	Medical Terminology[1,3]	Prereq: 838-105	SU/S+
3	196-191	3	Supervision		SU/S+

Minimum Program Total Credits Required: 35

Notes associated with courses (identified by a superscript number at the end of the course title) are located on the back of the sheet.
⚲ Mastery of this course will put students on a path to achieve successful degree completion, on-time graduation, and enrich the college experience. Students are required to take this course in their first semester of enrollment. Please see an advisor for details.
☞ = Milestone Course. Faculty have identified this course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program.
(*) indicates students must achieve a minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses to meet graduation requirements.

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The *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 hospital pharmacies. 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 will be able to:
1. Demonstrate personal /interpersonal knowledge and skills in the practice of pharmacy
2. Demonstrate foundational professional knowledge and skills for the practice of pharmacy
3. Prepare prescriptions/medication orders and pharmaceutical products for dispensing, distributions, and disposal
4. Compound sterile and nonsterile medications
5. Follow established policies and procedures for procurement, billing, reimbursement and inventory management
6. Utilize pharmacy technology and informatics
7. Adhere to state and federal regulations governing the practice of pharmacy
8. Apply the principles of quality assurance to the practice of pharmacy

Essential Career Competencies

Gateway's six essential career competencies are the general attitudes and skills promoted and assessed by all programs. All Gateway graduates will develop skills in:

- Communication Competence
- Professionalism and Career Management
- Cultural Competence
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Technology Competence

Admission Requirements

1. Students must submit an application and pay $30 fee.
2. Students must meet one of the following: minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.6 (unweighted); earned at least 12 college credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0; or complete valid reading, writing, and math placement assessments.
3. 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.

Graduation Requirements

1. Minimum 35 credits with an average of 2.0 or above.
2. *Minimum grade of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses.
3. Complete 890-155 Gateway to Success (G2S) in the first semester.

For a complete list of Graduation Requirements, check the Student Handbook or Graduation Requirements.

Notes

1. A credit for prior learning assessment is available for this course. For more information, please contact cfpl@gtc.edu.
2. Students must have received a "B-" or better in 834-109 Pre-Algebra.
3. Please note that your program requires additional fee(s) for: Criminal Background Check, Medical Document Manager, and/or Drug Testing. These must be completed prior to the start date of clinical and valid through the end date of clinical.
4. Pharmacy Technician clinical courses are 130 hour unpaid clinical experiences. In order to enroll in the clinical course, students must complete other coursework, submit completed health physical form, and submit evidence of completion of course 531-410B CPR Healthcare Provider. Refer to program webpage under Admission Requirements section for full details.

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. For the PTCB exam, technicians must complete a PTCB-recognized education/training program or have equivalent work experience to be eligible to apply. The pharmacy technician program at Gateway Technical College is a PTCB- recognized education/training program. After certification, maintaining certification requires a fee and continuing education credits completed every 2 years.

Accreditation Statement

This program is accredited by the Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission (PTAC), a collaboration of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). This accredited program at Gateway Technical College offers both "entry level" and "advanced level" programs.

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 My Gateway 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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