

FUNCTIONAL ABILITIES FOR THE TECHNICAL DIPLOMA PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

Functional Ability Categories and Representative Activities/Attributes for the Technical Diploma Pharmacy Technician Program

The Federal American with Disabilities Act (ADA) bans discrimination of persons with disabilities. In keeping with this law, Gateway Technical College makes every effort to ensure quality education for all students. However, we feel obliged to inform students of the functional abilities demanded by a particular occupation.

In order to be successful as a Pharmacy Technician, employers need students capable of working in the pharmacy environment. Students looking to become a Pharmacy Technician must be able to:

1. Move comfortably in small confined spaces
2. Sustain repetitive motions using their hands, arms, legs, and feet
3. Lift and Exert force up to 50 pounds in multi-directions to move and retrieve objects frequently
4. Operate Computers, Fax Machines, Copiers, and Telephones
5. Smell and detect odors from current and outdated medications
6. Hear sounds from pharmacy counting machines, telephones, alarms, and of spoken verbal communication
7. Have Visual Acuity: Ability to read fine print , See objects up to 20 feet away and Distinguish color and intensity
8. Have Mobility: Twist, Climb Stairs and on Step Stools, Bend and Crouch, Stand, Knell, and Walk for at least 8 hours
9. Have Dexterity: reach, hold, squeeze, grasp and pinch small and big objects with their hands and fingers in all directions
10. Communicate effectively in English orally and in writing with patients, team members, managed care providers, and other personnel
11. Adapt to stressful conditions and ability to accept constructive criticism as well as multi-task
12. Read and interpret measurement marks, add, subtract, multiply, and divide, and convert numbers using the metric system.