

# PHARMACY TECHNICIAN, CERTIFICATE OF TECHNOLOGY

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## Program Overview

The program curriculum requires students to complete 32 credit hours that total 864 contact hours that consist of a combination of lecture, on-campus laboratory, and clinical training. The emphasis of the program is on training students to work in retail and hospital pharmacies. Upon completion of the program, students are awarded an Advanced Certificate of Technology. After graduation, students register to take the National Certification Exam. A pharmacy technician must pass the certification examination and register with the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP) to practice as a certified pharmacy technician (CPhT) in the state of Texas. The program includes two clinical courses. Clinicals are unpaid positions in which students are supervised by the employees at the clinical site. Clinicals are scheduled according to the hours of the site and may vary among day, evening, and night shifts. We cannot guarantee any specific site, but every effort will be made to accommodate the student. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from clinical sites.

Applicants for the program must meet the requirements for general admission to the College and must also meet program-specific requirements. For detailed information concerning admission requirements and deadlines for submitting applications and related documents, students may contact the Pharmacy Technician department.

Students enrolling into San Jacinto College programs with external learning experiences (i.e., clinical, practicum, externship, cooperative, etc.) will be required to comply with the immunization requirements and policies of the clinical/external learning sites to engage in all clinical/external learning experiences. Vaccination requirements at clinical/external learning sites are implemented pursuant to the independent authority of such facilities and are not mandated by San Jacinto College. Failure to meet the immunization requirements mandated by clinical/external learning sites may limit a student's ability to complete the program and/or may delay the student's graduation date. San Jacinto College does not process exemptions, and students should address potential vaccination exemptions directly with the clinical/external learning site.