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FIND A GREAT CAREER AS A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN



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PHARMACY TECHNICIAN IS A FAST-GROWING CAREER FIELD

Hundreds of good-paying jobs are waiting for trained applicants

The U.S. Department of Labor estimates a 30 percent increase in demand for pharmacy technicians over the next six years while the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment predicts 280 openings per year in Colorado. And FRCC has an accredited Pharmacy Technician program. A certificate from Front Range Community College will help you get a great job with good pay.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR PROFILE Tina M. Burke, Ph.D.



Tina worked as a Certified Pharmacy Technician to put herself through Kent State University in Ohio, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology. Moving west, Tina earned a Master of Science in integrative physiology and a Ph.D. in integrative physiology and neuroscience from the University of Colorado-Boulder. Her research focus has been

on sleep, something of which college students don't seem to get enough. Tina started teaching biology and anatomy and physiology at FRCC in 2012. "I love everything about teaching," Tina says. "It is a privilege to be part of the process when students achieve their goals."

Pharmacy Technician Salaries

Entry	Middle	Experienced
\$25,053/yr	\$32,223/yr	\$36,023/yr

*Occupational Employment Statistics Survey (2012)
Colorado Department of Labor and Employment*

If you have a certificate from Front Range Community College, you will have the training that qualifies you for good pay in a growing field. You also will learn the teamwork and customer-service skills today's job market demands.

Pharmacy technicians assist in the preparation of prescribed medications. Pharmacy technicians retrieve, count, pour, weigh, measure, and sometimes mix the medication. Some pharmacy technicians work in retail pharmacies. Others work in hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities, and still others may work for mail-order pharmacies. No matter the setting, pharmacy technicians do important, detail-oriented work – it's a matter of health and safety for the patient.

Do you want a career in health care but don't know where to start? Becoming a pharmacy technician might be right for you. Are you waiting for entry into some other health-care program, even a college of pharmacy? Pharmacy technician will give you some practical education that could apply to your field.

Get started fast

You will take three, five-week instruction modules one semester and then two five-week experiential modules in hospital and community settings in the second semester. You can start in either the fall or spring semester.

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This is a quality program

Accreditation means quality, and FRCC's Pharmacy Technician Program has earned national accreditation from the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP). Yes, your training will set you apart.

STUDENT PROFILE

Rhonda Wong



Rhonda started exploring a career in pharmacy while in high school. As a student at Bollman Technical Education Center, she enrolled in Pharmacy Technician at FRCC. "I liked it so much that I kept going," Rhonda says. "I thought that FRCC had a really good program. It introduced me to the field of pharmacy. My favorite parts were mixing solutions

for intravenous medicines and the pharmacology class." Her Pharmacy Technician internships also fed her desire to make pharmacy a career. Today, Rhonda attends Regis University to finish prerequisites for pharmacy school. She is applying to pharmacy schools in Colorado, Illinois, and Kentucky. "I've lived in Colorado all my life, so going out of state is an option I'm considering," she says.

STUDENT PROFILE

Eric Navarro, CPHT



Eric was working on a concrete crew and was looking for a different career. "Some friends told me about becoming pharmacy technicians," he says. "I checked out FRCC and decided to go into it. I ended up liking it quite a bit." His friends weren't certified, and now Eric is. Certification is achieved by meeting specific eligibility

requirements and earning a passing score on the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) exam. The PTCB certification program is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). Eric liked his internships – one at National Jewish Health, the other at the Hidden Lake Kaiser facility. "Both were great," he says. In fact, he's turned his Kaiser internship into a job.

Learn from the best instructors in the business

They've been on the job. And now they want to teach. They have stories to tell that help make their subjects real and exciting. You can expect to learn a lot and have a great time doing it in small classes where you get lots of hands-on training – in our pharmacy lab – and plenty of personal interaction.

But don't take our word for it. See for yourself. Come to campus to observe classes and talk with current students. Call Tina Burke, program director, at 303-404-5152 to arrange a visit.

Before you start ...

The health and safety of patients and the community are so important that you need to meet these specific program requirements:

1. Completion of a Pharmacy Technician Program application for admission.
2. Completion of program entrance requirements.
3. Possess a GED or high school diploma.
4. Demonstrate keyboarding skills of 25 words per minute or higher.
5. No previous conviction for a drug-related crime.
6. Submission of a résumé and a letter of reference.
7. Complete criminal background check at student's expense.
8. Pass a 10-panel drug screen at student's expense.
9. Completion of a Pharmacy Technician health summary with documented immunization records prior to clinical rotations.
10. Complete an interview with the program director.

STUDENT PROFILE

Flemming Vittrup



Flemming, a native of Denmark, came to the United States as an accountant and controller for a German-based company that opened an office in Atlanta. When the company for which he had worked for 23 years was bought and closed, he moved to Denver, looking for a more secure future. He enrolled in the Pharmacy Technician program,

completing it in January 2012. His internship with Kaiser Permanente led to him being hired when his internship was finished. "I like the management here," he says. "It's a good team. It's great to be in a company looking forward to the future. It's an inspiring environment." The environment at FRCC was equally inspiring. "It was a great experience," he says. "After doing my previous education in Europe, FRCC was a totally different study environment. I found FRCC to have a great support system."

Course requirements for a certificate in Pharmacy Technician

REQUIRED COURSES	CREDITS
PHT 111 Orientation to Pharmacy	3
PHT 112 Pharmacy Law	2
PHT 113 Pharmacy Calculations and Terminology	1
PHT 114 Computer Skills for Pharmacy Technicians	1
PHT 115 Pharmacology of the GI, Renal, Reproductive, Immune, Dermatologic Systems	3
PHT 116 Institutional Pharmacy	3
PHT 117 Communication for Pharmacy Technicians	1
PHT 118 Pharmacology of the Nervous, Endocrine, Musculoskeletal Systems	3
PHT 119 Community Pharmacy	3
PHT 120 Medical Insurance Procedures	1
PHT 170 Pharmacy Clinical: Hospital	4
PHT 171 Pharmacy Clinical: Community	4
Total Credits Required for Certificate	29

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