

Pharmacy Technician

Do you ever wonder who fills your prescriptions at the pharmacy? A pharmacy technician works under a pharmacist to ensure you receive the correct dose and correct medication. A pharmacy tech's job includes administering vaccines, compounding medications, and filling prescriptions.



What Students Learn and Do

A pharmacy technician prepares, dispenses, and distributes medications under the supervision of a pharmacist. Students learn to read and fill prescriptions, mix medications, and calculate dosages. Graduates of Pharmacy Technician I and II qualify to take the Examination for Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ExCPT). In order to pass the class and receive credit, students must complete 130 hours in a dispensing pharmacy setting.

Academy Pathways - 4 years of Health and Medical Science

Below are *suggested* academy pathways that will prepare students for the Pharmacy Technician course.

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Pathways	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Recommended FCPS Standard Courses	Biology or Biology Honors and Algebra	Chemistry or Chemistry Honors	Physics or Physics Honors or AP Physics 1 Prob & Statistics AP Statistics	Human Anatomy or AP Biology or AP Chemistry AP Statistics
Recommended Academy Courses - Pathway I		Explore Health Sciences (830226)* & Exploring the Lang. of Medicine (838326)*(838399)**	Pharmacy Technician I (830527)	Pharmacy Technician II (830627)

* Recommended prerequisites for Pharmacy Tech I

** Online Campus Course

Options After High School

FCPS Academy courses provide the training and certification needed for entry-level employment. A certification in Pharmacy Technician is a great way to get started in healthcare. Below are possible career pathways:

