

ADMISSION POLICY

A. Applicants Not Enrolled in High School

Applicants not enrolled in high school are eligible for admission provided that:

1. They are at least eighteen (18) years of age or have a high school diploma or equivalent.
2. They declare an occupational objective or demonstrate through testing or counseling reasonable potential for achieving that objective.

B. Applicants Enrolled in High School

Applicants enrolled in high school are eligible for admission provided that:

1. An agreement authorizing such admission concluding between the local Board of Education and the Tennessee College of Applied Technology. Such agreements are subject to the approval of the Chancellor or his designee.
2. Enrollment is limited to one (1) occupational area.

C. Admission of Foreign Non-Immigrants

Foreign non-immigrant applicants are eligible for admission if they meet the same conditions required for other applicants.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

STEPS FOR ENROLLMENT



PICK A PROGRAM



FILL OUT ONLINE APPLICATION



SUBMIT PROGRAM SPECIFIC APPLICATION MATERIALS (IF REQUIRED)



SUBMIT PROOF OF VACCINATION



REQUEST/SUBMIT TRANSCRIPTS



COMPLETE FAFSA



CLASS SCHEDULES

Full-time classes are offered Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Part-time class schedules may vary according to local needs.

STUDENT COST

Cost can be found on our website at www.tcatlivingston.edu/programs.

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available to those students who are eligible. Students can be assessed for eligibility for Federal Pell Grants, Federal SEOG, TN Student Assistance Award, Wilder Naifeh Technical Skills Grant, TN Promise, TN Reconnect, and Federal Work Study. The school also coordinates efforts with the Department of Veteran's Affairs, Voc. Rehabilitation, WIOA, TRA and TOPS.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL ARTICULATION

The Tennessee College of Applied Technology at Livingston has articulation agreements with local high schools in the school's service area. These agreements establish guidelines by which high school students may receive advanced placement in programs for skills acquired in high school. For more information on how to receive advanced placement, contact your high school guidance counselor or the Student Services Office at TCATL.

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PHARMACY TECHNOLOGY

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Pharmacy Technology program is to prepare students to assist pharmacists in preparing and dispensing medication. Students will gain experience in prescription entry, IV preparation, sterile technique, inventory control duties, and customer service. Training also includes processing and maintenance of records, prescription filling, label generation, and other aspects of patient care. Clinical training is provided in various Pharmacy settings. Upon completion of training, students will be prepared to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE).

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This 12 month program is designed to provide training in the competencies required of a Pharmacy Technician. A Pharmacy Technician assists and supports licensed pharmacist in providing healthcare and medication to patients. Technicians must have a broad knowledge of pharmacy practice, skills, and techniques. Often, technicians are the first and last person a patient will interact with within the pharmacy. Because of this, communication skills and customer service are an integral part of training.



OVERVIEW

Pharmacy Technicians work under the supervision of a pharmacist. Due to the fast paced nature of pharmacy, technicians must be able to multitask, delegate, prioritize, and work independently without constant direction. Technicians must also be very flexible and have a desire to learn. New medications are released at a constant rate and information is always changing. Likewise, a technician's duties may change on a daily basis. Pharmacy is constantly evolving to meet patient needs and the staff must be prepared to evolve with it. Students will become knowledgeable in the practice of retail, hospital, and long term care facilities.

Pharmacy Technicians may fill many positions such as: Retail Technician, Nuclear Pharmacy Technician, IV Technician, Clinical Technician, Supervisory Technician, Insurance Billing Technician, Computer Support Technicians, and Instructors. Work setting include: Retail Pharmacies, Hospitals, Distribution Centers, Drug Wholesalers, Medical Insurance Companies, Drug Manufacturing Companies and many more.

Demand: The estimated number of technicians is expected to grow significantly.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The job outlook for Pharmacy Technicians, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released in April 2024, is projected to grow 6% from 2022-2032. About 44,900 openings for pharmacy technicians are projected each year, on average, over a decade. At present the job is being redefined, moving away from clerical status to paraprofessional status. In the program, you will register with the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy to get your Licensure and upon completion of the program, you will qualify to sit for your Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam through the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB).

Pharmacies are calling daily needing qualified technicians. Our clinical sites are hiring most of the students upon completing the program. Wages are also expected to increase along with better benefit packages, (medical, dental, eye insurance, retirement plans, more PTO time, longer maternity leaves, etc.

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/pharmacy-technicians.htm>

COURSE OUTLINE

Approximately: 12 Months

- Pharmacy Practice & Lab
- Pharmacy Math
- Keyboarding
- Sterile Products
- Third Party Reimbursement
- Pharmacology
- Clinical Training & PTCE Exam Preparation
- Career Readiness
- Law, Ethics & HIPAA
- Top Drugs

DIPLOMAS

Pharmacy Technician Diploma

1296 hours

