



LA Mission College Career Center

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

MAJOR SHEETS

SKILLS

(things you will learn or use)

- Knowledge of medical and pharmaceutical terminology
- Ability to use metric measurements
- Mathematical skills to perform pharmaceutical calculations
- Familiarity with computer data entry

INTEREST

- Compile information
- Use precision when measuring materials
- Move from one task to another using different skills
- Work according to set standards and procedures
- Make judgments using knowledge or experience

WHAT IS PHARMACY TECHNICIAN?

The Pharmacy Technician program prepares individuals to be under the supervision of pharmacists, to prepare medications, provide medications and related assistance to patients, and manage pharmacy clinical and business operations. Including instruction in medical and pharmaceutical terminology, principles of pharmacology and pharmaceuticals, drug identification, pharmacy laboratory procedures, prescription interpretation, patient communication and education, safety procedures, record-keeping, measurement and testing techniques, pharmacy business operations, prescription preparation, logistics and dispensing operations, and applicable standards and regulations.

LAMC DEGREES & CERTIFICATES OFFERED

- **Associate of Science in Pharmacy Technician**
- **Certificate of Achievement in Pharmacy Technician-Advanced**
- **Certificate of Achievement in Pharmacy Technician-Basic**

TRANSFER RELATED MAJORS

- **UC Irvine:** Pharmaceutical Sciences
- **UC San Francisco:** Pharmaceutical Sciences
- **UC Santa Barbara:** Pharmacology



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WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Indoors usually in pharmacies that are neat, clean, and well-organized
- Work under the supervision of a Pharmacist
- Requires extreme care in handling and storing drugs and chemicals
- Work is considered physically light.

WEBSITE RESOURCES

www.lamission.edu/careercenter
<https://www.lamission.edu/Allied-Health/Pharmacy-Technician-Certificates/Pharmacy-Technician-Courses.aspx>
www.assist.org
www.salary.com
<https://uncw.edu/career/whatcanidowithamajorin.html>
www.cacareerzone.org
<http://degrees.calstate.edu/>
https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/undergraduate_majors_list.pdf

POTENTIAL JOB TITLES

- Pharmacy Technician
- Pharmacist Assistant
- Certified Technician
- Pharmacy Aides
- Home Health Aides
- Occupational Therapy Aides

POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- Hospitality
- College/Universities
- Medical Labs
- Clinics
- Pharmacies
- Medical Research Organizations
- Department of Social Services

*EARNINGS

