Program Description

UVA Pharmacy Technician Training Program is an ASHP/ACPE accredited program. The program is to prepare current and aspiring pharmacy technicians with standardized training that meets state requirements to practice as a pharmacy technician. In addition, this program is to prepare technicians for any state or national certification exam.

Training includes: Online classroom training through Pharmacy Technician University, Experiential training in our state-of-the-art pharmacy, Preparation for passing the national certification exam. Candidates accepting a position will continue in their role as a pharmacy technician after completing the program and achieving their Virginia registration.

The program is a 415.5-hour program completed that can be completed in 26 weeks, however candidates have a maximum of 2 years to complete the program and pass the PTCE exam. The didactic portion of the program is completed online, is self-paced, and contains graded quizzes, unit exams, midterm, and final exam. The simulation portion of the program is observed and graded by local instructors. The experiential portion of the program is completed at designated pharmacy sites with an assigned preceptor.

Hours breakdown:

Didactic: 132 hours
Simulation: 59.5 hours
Experiential: 224 hours

Admission's Requirements

It is our goal for each student to succeed throughout the training program and into their career. To ensure the success of our students, they must meet the following minimum qualifications to enroll in the program:

- Possess a high school diploma or the equivalent.
- Pass a screening pertaining to any illicit drug use and a criminal record background check.
- Comply with immunization requirements of experiential sites and employers.
- Meet state-specific age requirements for employment of pharmacy technicians.
- Meet state-specific requirements as regulated by the State Board of Pharmacy.
- Meet employer-specific requirements, if applicable.

*Note: Any applicant needing special accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact your Program Director. The Program Director has final approval of applicants’ qualifications for acceptance into the training program.