How do I get started?
First make an appointment to see a Chaffey College Advisement Center counselor and sign up for the pre-requisites. The following should be completed for an application to be considered for admission:

- Possession of a high school diploma or have a GED, and official transcripts
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Previous college transcripts (if attended)

A copy of the current admissions criteria may be obtained in the Advisement Center.

What are the pre-requisites?

HS 405 Computer Applications for Health Sciences
PT 400 Introduction to Pharmacy Technician
Math 401 Math for Health Sciences

How long will it take to complete the program?
After the prerequisites are completed, the Chaffey College Pharmacy Technician Program consists of 2 semesters of full time study, plus the clinical externship.

What if I want to transfer to a four-year college or university?
The Chaffey College Pharmacy Technician Program provides high quality, intensive pharmacy technician education. Students who wish to continue their education may transfer to a four-year college or university. Students should contact that school to find out which units will be transferred.

Contact Us
For more information about the Chaffey College Pharmacy Technician Program, call the Health Sciences Office at (909) 477-8961 or visit us on the web at www.chaffey.edu.
About The Program

The Pharmacy Technician Program at Chaffey College offers the opportunity to join one of the fastest growing health careers. This program offers either a certificate or Associate of Science Degree in Pharmacy Technology.

Through the Pharmacy Technician Program, students can take courses which will help them to develop strong technical skills to use in hospital, community, and ambulatory settings. The technical training is focused on IV additive preparation, data entry skills, pharmacy profile skills, medication dosage calculations, home health care and long term care order processing, community pharmacy operations, and patient services.

Why choose Chaffey College Pharmacy Technology?

The Chaffey College Pharmacy Technician Program has all of the tools and equipment typically found in hospitals and retail pharmacies. In addition, Chaffey's state-of-the-art equipment enables students to learn the many facets of pharmacy including compounding and dispensing. Chaffey College is the place to learn modern pharmacy techniques and patient care skills.

The Chaffey College Health Center affiliates have enabled the Pharmacy Technician Program to offer broadest professional career exposure.

Instructors

The instructors are very experienced in the field and are willing and capable of providing in-depth pharmacy technician training. The instructors have experience in all areas of pharmacy practice, thus bringing a wealth of knowledge to the program. This real world experience serves to augment the program and prepare the students to be a fully qualified and competent pharmacy technician.

Pharmacy Technology

The program consists of core courses that prepare the student for employment in the industry. Courses include all phases of pharmacy.

PharmT-400 Introduction to Pharmacy Technician
Course overview: This course presents the duties and responsibilities of a pharmacy technician in various practice settings, basic medical and pharmaceutical terminology, introduction to pharmacology, introduction to pharmacy law and ethics, employee preparation, and state licensure requirements.

PharmT-401 Pharmacology of Body Systems I
Course overview: This course presents the anatomy, physiology, and pharmacology of the integumentary, endocrine, gastrointestinal, nervous, and immune systems. Basic terminology, medical abbreviations, and drug classifications are included.

PharmT-402 Pharmacology of Body Systems II
Course overview: This course presents the anatomy, physiology, and pharmacology of the musculoskeletal, respiratory, genitourinary, and cardiovascular systems. Basic terminology, medical abbreviations, and drug classifications are included.

PharmT-405 Sterile Products
Course overview: This course presents basic concepts of aseptic techniques, use of laminar flow hoods, preparation and use of IV products, properties of antiseptics and antimicrobials, quality assurance processes, and regulations and standards (including USP 797).

PharmT-415 Pharmaceutical Calculations
Course overview: This course presents skills and concepts utilized to calculate drug dosages and IV administration. Problem solving, application of basic algebraic concepts, formulas, proportional relationships, systems of measurement and measurement system conversions are included.

PharmT-420 Community Pharmacy Operations
Course overview: This course presents the practical application of drug distribution for ambulatory care settings. Topics include record keeping with both manual and computerized systems, patient confidentiality, law and ethics, extemporaneous compounding, OTC medications and customer service.

PharmT-420L Community Pharmacy Operations Laboratory
This course presents hands-on application of drug distribution, computerized prescription preparation, extemporaneous compounding, and customer service.

PharmT-430 Institutional Pharmacy Operations
Course overview: This course presents practical application of drug distribution for inpatient and extended care patients. Topics include: medication preparation, packaging (manual and automated), distribution, record keeping with both manual and computerized systems, patient confidentiality, law and ethics, and IV admixtures.

PharmT-430L Institutional Pharmacy Operations Laboratory
This course presents hands-on application of drug distribution for inpatient and extended care patients, medication preparation, packaging (manual and automated), distribution, and IV admixtures.

PharmT-482 Clinical Externship
This course provides work experience in cooperation with local institutional (hospital, long-term care facility, etc.) and community (retail, chain drugstores, etc.) pharmacies. Students apply knowledge and skills through unpaid employment, solidifying knowledge and expanding capabilities acquired in classroom and clinical experiences. Placement is by the instructor. (240 hours).