



# Pharmacy Technician Program

## ADMISSION & APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM

Class Begins:

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The following items are found in the *Health Science Division Student Handbook*.

(This list has been updated as of 3/2024.)

1. Health Science Division Purpose Statement
2. Health Science Statement of Ethics
3. Health Science Plagiarism Regulation
4. Email/Contact Information
5. Health Science Use of Electronic Regulation
6. Health Science Confidentiality Statement
7. Health Science Grading
8. Health Science Retention Regulation
9. Health Science Probation Regulation
10. Health Science Readmission and Dismissal Regulation
11. Health Science Complaint Guidelines
12. Health Science Liability, Accident and Insurance Regulation
13. Health Requirements
14. Health Science Post Exposure Protocol
15. Health Science Background Check Regulation
16. Health Science Substance Abuse Regulation
17. Health Science Dress Code/Professional Standards
18. Health Science Student Parking Regulation

## **PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM**

The Indian River State College Pharmacy Technician program is a certificate program which prepares students to assist a pharmacist with the technical tasks that take place in the pharmacy. Under the direct supervision of a pharmacist, the graduates from this program are qualified to HuOrka a

## INTRODUCTION

*The Pharmacy Technician program is offered through the IRSC Health Science Division. All applicants enter this program through a Selective Admissions process. Contact the Health Sciences Division at (772) 462-7550, for specific requirements and deadlines.*

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Any candidate who wishes to be considered for the Pharmacy Technician program at Indian River State College, must complete the procedures outlined on the checklist on page 1. **It is the student's responsibility to see that admission requirements are met. No notices will be sent.**

## APPLYING TO THE PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

Prior to beginning the application process:

1. Read the Pharmacy Technician Application Booklet.
2. Complete and submit the IRSC Application for the Pharmacy Technician program (\$30 fee; keep a copy of your receipt).

**Note:** If at any time during the application process you have a change in personal information (name change, address, phone number, or emails), submit the changes through MyPioneerPortal and to the Health Science Division at 772-462-7550.

## Application Review

All applicants will be notified of their status via the email provided in the application. No information is available by telephone. To finalize acceptance, once notified of provisional acceptance, students will be required to have a completed IRSC physical examination form, a negative drug screen report and a FDLE background check prior to the first day of class.

Applicants should carefully review the application procedures outlined in this booklet. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application process is complete.

The required forms are included in the back of this application booklet. **It**







## JOB OUTLOOK

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Outlook, good job opportunities for pharmacy technicians are expected for full-time and part-time work, especially for technicians with formal training or previous experience. Job openings for pharmacy technicians will result from the expansion of retail pharmacies and other employment settings and from the need to replace workers who transfer to other occupations or leave the labor force.

Employment of pharmacy technicians is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through 2031 because as the population grows and ages, demand for pharmaceuticals will increase dramatically. The increased number of middle-aged and elderly people will spur demand for technicians in all practice settings. With advances in science, more medications are becoming available to treat a greater number of conditions.

In addition, cost-conscious insurers, pharmacies and health systems will continue to expand the role of technicians. As a result, pharmacy technicians will assume responsibility for some of the more routine tasks previously performed by pharmacists. Pharmacy technicians also will need to learn and master new pharmacy technology as it emerges. For example, robotic machines are being increasingly used to dispense medicine into containers; technicians must oversee the machines, stock the bins and label the containers. Thus, while automation is increasingly incorporated into the job, it will not necessarily reduce the need for technicians.

Almost all states have legislated the maximum number of technicians who can safely work under a pharmacist at one time. In some states, technicians have assumed more medication-dispensing duties as pharmacists have become more involved in-patient care, resulting in more technicians per pharmacist. Changes in these laws could directly affect employment.

\*Note: Florida Statute #465.014 states the Board shall establish guidelines to be followed by licensees or permittees in determining the circumstances under which a licensed pharmacist may supervise more than one, but not more than three, pharmacy technicians.

## EARNINGS

2023 Median Hourly Earnings: \$19.37/hr. (or \$40,300/yr.)

**-Strength:** Moderate muscular strength is needed. In the course of the program, the PT student may be: pushing, pulling and lifting objects more than 20 Lbs.

**-Observation:** The student must be able to observe and participate in lectures, demonstrations, research and practice situations in pharmacy.

**-Motor Skills:** The PT student should possess the ability to safely and accurately perform all laboratory procedures, manipulate tools, instruments and other equipment in the laboratory. In the course of the program, the PT student may be: performing simple motor skills such as standing, walking, etc.; performing simple manipulative skills such as washing, writing, counting tablets, etc.; performing moderately difficult manipulative skills such as preparing IV admixtures, non-sterile compounds, etc.

**-Coordination:** In the course of the program, the PT student may be: performing body coordination such as walking, stooping, etc.; performing tasks that require hand-eye coordination such as keyboard skills, etc.; and performing tasks that require arm-hand steadiness such as IV admixtures, etc.

**-Mobility:** The student should

**-Health and Related Requirements:** The student is required to provide current proof of having met all health-related requirements prior to participating in any clinical activities. The student is responsible for maintaining all personal health records including current immunizations, CPR (American Heart Association BLS for Health Care Providers), and health insurance. All entering students are required to complete a background check prior to entering the Pharmacy Technician program and as requested throughout the program in compliance with the affiliation agreement for the clinical agency and community standards for disqualifying offenses. This may include a drug screen to comply with a clinical agency requirement. The student may be required to complete a physical exam in compliance with clinical agency affiliation agreement. Certain chronic or recurrent illnesses and problems that could interfere with patient care or safety may be incompatible with health science education or practice. Some illnesses may lead to a higher likelihood of student absences and should carefully be considered. Deficiencies in knowledge, judgment, integrity or professional attitude may jeopardize patient care, and as a result could become grounds for course failure and possible dismissal from the Pharmacy Technician program.

**-Environmental Conditions:** The PT student may be exposed at different times to: hazardous materials, needles, cytotoxic medications, glass ampules, etc.

## **PROGRAM COMPLETION**

In order to obtain the certificate of completion, the student must meet the following requirements:

Successfully complete program requirements.

Students must not have any financial holds and all fees must be paid for by the student.

Students must comply with TABE (A Level) requirements by scoring 596 + in math, 576 + in reading and 584 + in language or have an A.A. Degree, A.S. Degree or higher degree or qualify for an exemption under Senate Bill 1720.

Upon completing the specified requirements, the student is eligible to be granted a certificate of completion from Indian River State College and apply to take the Certification. Information on the exam will be provided during the Pharmacy Technician program

The College provides a formal ceremony to recognize the graduates' completion of the Pharmacy Technician program. Students will be notified of the date, time and place when it is set by the College.

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INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE  
STUDENT ADVISEMENT FORM

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Spring \_\_\_\_

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME

*All applicants must have this student advisement form completed by an Advising Service staff member or branch campus counselor or advisor by the application deadline date. AI2 6 SecTjEM*

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Any NO responses to the questions below will prevent your**



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