

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION

Health Science Division
Trinity River Campus East

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1. INTRODUCTION

Due to the aging population, there is an increased demand for skilled pharmacy technicians. The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) predicts that employment opportunities for pharmacy technicians in Texas will increase by 25% from 2018 to 2028.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Tarrant County College's (TCC) 232-hour Pharmacy Technician program equips students with the essential skills and knowledge to pursue employment as pharmacy technicians in diverse settings. The continuing education workforce program is credentialed by the [Pharmacy Technician Certification Board \(PTCB\)](#) and is identified as an Occupational Skills Award (OSA), preparing students for gainful employment and increasing their marketability to potential employers. Upon completion, students will receive a TCC program certificate and be prepared to take the Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) exam, recognized by the [Texas State Board of Pharmacy \(TSBP\)](#).

LICENSING NOTICE: TEXAS HOUSE BILL 1508

This program prepares students for an occupational license. However, students may not be eligible for licensing if they have a prior criminal history. See [Texas House Bill 1508 Licensing Requirements](#) for more details.

The program is scheduled for **January 20 – June 11, 2026**, Monday through Thursday, in the evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Course delivery format will be blended (a combination of in-person and online instruction) at two locations: Trinity River Campus **EAST** *and* the TCC Opportunity Center (5901 Fitzhugh Avenue, Fort Worth 76119). *Location preference will be considered based on program acceptance and location availability.*

2. BIOTECH GRANT

Dallas College partnered with Tarrant County College's Health Science Division to offer the [Biotechnology Grant](#), a workforce education opportunity. This grant is available for select programs including the Pharmacy Technician program.

The Biotech Grant's goal is to create a regional healthcare career pathway that helps underserved communities access living-wage jobs in the biotechnology field.

The tuition (\$1,255), textbook (\$127), and CPhT (\$129) exam fee, a total of \$1,511, will be covered by the Biotech Grant. A **maximum of 15 students per location** will be accepted into the program.

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 18 years of age
- High school graduate or GED
- Passing scores on The Adult Basic Education (TABE) test or Texas Success Initiative (TSI) test completion, if applicable
- Compliance with the [Texas State Board of Pharmacy \(TSBP\)](#) regulations

4. THE PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Pharmacy Technicians (PT) work in a variety of pharmacy environments including

- retail pharmacies
- hospitals
- government agencies
- mail-order companies
- long-term facilities
- insurance companies
- compound pharmacies

DAILY ACTIVITIES

A PT must be able to perform standard functional/physical activities while working on the job:

- ✓ Use of upper/lower body movements
- ✓ Ability to bend and stoop
- ✓ Reach, carry and/or lift
- ✓ Ability to grasp, push, and/or pull
- ✓ Extended walking and standing daily
- ✓ Move quickly in response to serving customers

4. THE PHARMACY TECHNICIAN, cont.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A Pharmacy Technician works primarily under a licensed pharmacist. They will greet patients, process prescriptions, manage inventory, and process insurance claims.

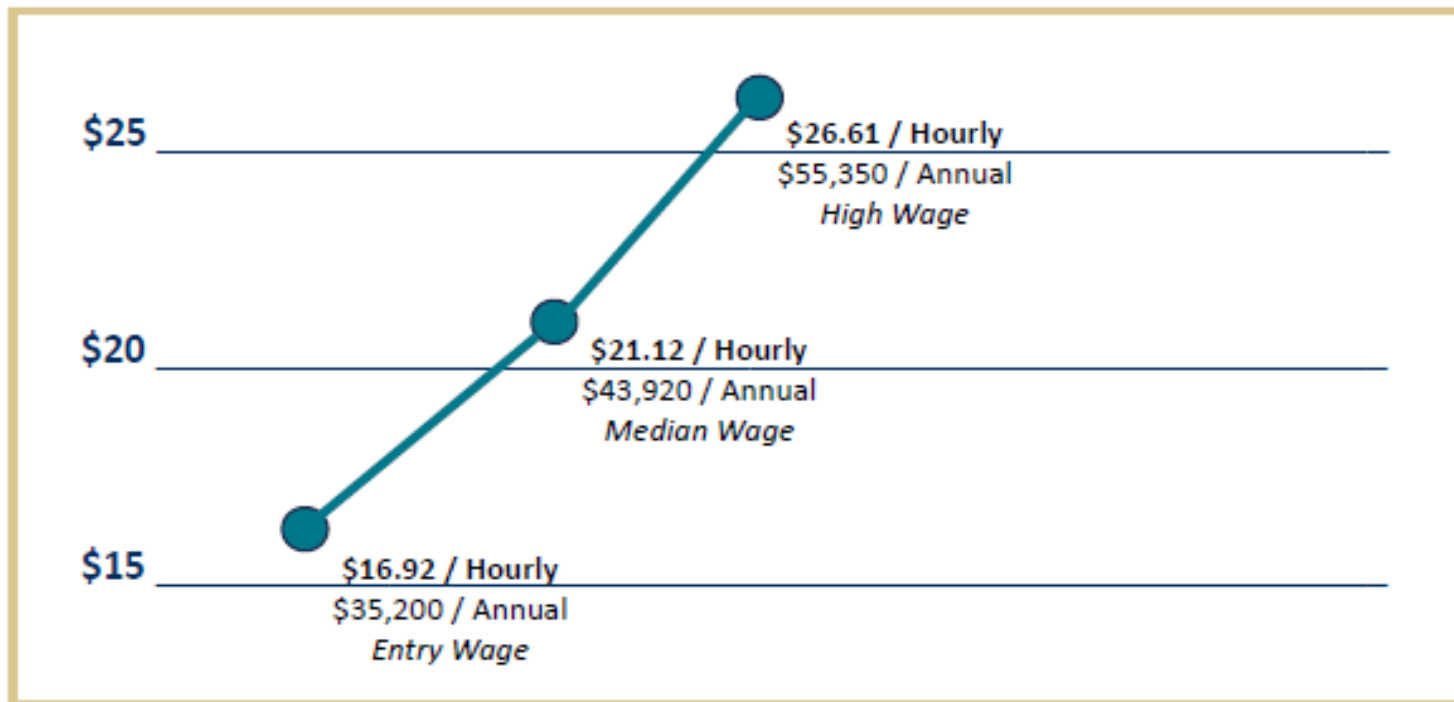
A Pharmacy Technician (PT) will:

- **Effectively Communicate With Patients** – A PT is typically on the frontline to greet patients and receive information to locate prescription(s). Often, a PT answers patient's questions when a pharmacist consult is not necessary or requested at the time of drop off and pick up. A PT must practice patience and deliver clear and concise information to all patients.
- **Manage Accounts** – A PT will manage pharmacy accounts, update insurance information, receive payments from patients, and tally payments and receipts each day.
- **Enter Patient Data** – A PT will use a pharmacy software program to electronically create a patient profile. Patient's information may include contact information, prescription details, insurance claim, and any drug interactions and/or allergies.
- **Process Insurance Claims** – A PT will electronically process insurance claims. If there is an error or discrepancy with the patient's insurance company, the PT will contact the patient.

4. THE PHARMACY TECHNICIAN, cont.

- **Process Prescription and Print Labels** – A PT will verify prescriptions to ensure all necessary information such as dosage, patient's details (name, address, phone number), and physician's information (name, business address), is accurately printed on the label as mandated by law.
- **Properly Measure and Mix Medication** – A PT is required to use a digital scale to measure pills or powders and includes counting pills, measuring liquids, and ensuring accurate label placement.
- **Manage Pharmacy Inventory** – A PT is responsible for conducting physical inventory counts and reconciling them with computer records, typically at month-end or as directed. Expired or soon-to-expire medications must be returned to the pharmaceutical company.

5. WAGES*



*Potential wages are based on 2024 [O*NET](#) data for the state of Texas.
This information is subject to change, and actual wages may vary depending on employer.

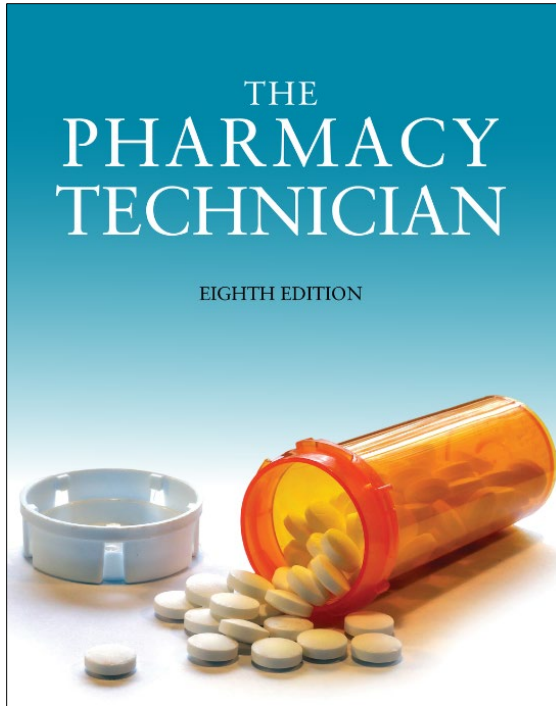
6. COURSES AND TUITION

Course*	Hours	CEUs**	Tuition
PHRA 1001: Introduction Pharmacy Technician	48	4.8	\$250
PHRA 1005: Drug Classification	48	4.8	\$250
PHRA 1009: Pharmacy Mathematics	48	4.8	\$250
PHRA 1004: Pharmacotherapy & Disease	48	4.8	\$250
PHRA 1002: Pharmacy Law	24	2.4	\$140
PHRA 1043: Pharmacy Technician Certification Review	16	1.6	\$115
Total	232	23.2	\$1,255

*The program consists of six (6) courses and taken in order as listed above. Students will be enrolled in two courses at a time.

**CEUs = Continuing Education Units

7. TEXTBOOK*



- **TITLE:** The Pharmacy Technician, 8th Edition
- **AUTHOR:** Perspective Press | **PUBLISHER:** Top Hat
- **ENDORSED BY:** American Pharmacists Association (APhA)

*Textbook will be issued to students on the first day of class.

8. APPLICATION PROCESS

1. New TCC Students only

- If you have not previously attended TCC, contact a career advisor at 817-515-1484 or TR.HealthCareAdvising@tccd.edu.

2. Review the online “Pharmacy Technician Information Session”

- Save your “Information Session Exit Ticket” to upload with your application

3. Gather the required supporting documents and save to upload with your application:

- **Transcript** from highest level of education completed: High school*, GED, or College*
- TABE test scores or TSI completion – if applicable
- College transcript to provide proof for TSI exemption
- Information Session Exit Ticket

*International high school or college transcript must be evaluated for U.S. equivalency.

Contact: International Academic Credential Evaluators, Inc. ([IACEI](http://iacei.org)) | Denton, TX | at 940-383-7498.

(All correspondence takes place via phone, email, or mail)

4. Fill out the online application

- Complete and electronically sign your application
- Upload the required documents
- **Applications and documents emailed will not be accepted**

8. APPLICATION PROCESS, cont.

5. Program Acceptance

- Individuals accepted into the program will be emailed an acceptance letter that will also include the next steps in the enrollment and payment process under the Biotech Grant.

COMMUNICATION

- Once students are enrolled in the first two courses and have received a confirmation email, **ALL** communication will be sent via their TCC email address (my.tccd.edu). To activate your TCC email, see [Student Login and Password Help](#). Additional information is available at [Tech Support](#) or call 817-515-8324. Support is available 24/7.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A maximum of 15 students, per location will be admitted into the program.
- Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, providing application is complete, all required documents are submitted, and testing (if applicable) is completed.

9. FAQs

- **Will the Biotech Grant cover the cost for all the Pharmacy Technician courses?**

Yes! The grant covers tuition, textbook, and certification exam.

- **Will my financial aid qualify for this program?**

- FAFSA does not apply to this continuing education program.
- Financial Aid offers the Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG) for continuing education workforce courses. The grant is available for individuals with a demonstrated need. Funding is limited on a first-come, first-served basis. See [Financial Aid for Continuing Education](#) for additional information.
- If you apply for TPEG financial aid, TPEG will be applied first, and any remaining balance will be covered by the Biotech grant.

- **If I am not accepted into the program this time, will I need to reapply for the next session?**

Yes

- **Will the Biotech Grant be available?**

The grant ends June 30, 2026. We have not received any notification if the grant will be renewed.

9. FAQs, cont.

- **When will the next program be offered?**
July 15 – December 3, 2026
- **Will the classes be held in the evening and online?**
 - Classes will be held Monday through Thursday from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
 - Course delivery format will be blended (a combination of in-person and online instruction)
- **Where will the program be offered?**
 - Trinity River Campus **EAST** and
 - TCC Opportunity Center
(5901 Fitzhugh Avenue, Fort Worth 76119)



10. QUESTIONS

**For questions regarding the application
and/or testing, please contact**

**Ms. Janette Keen,
Career Technical Education (CTE) Advisor
817-515-1484**

TR.HealthCareAdvising@tccd.edu

11. INFORMATION SESSION EXIT TICKET INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE PAY ATTENTION!

To receive credit for this information session, please click on the link below to sign in and complete the form:

[Information Session Exit Ticket](#)

Thank you!