



**What is a pharmacy technician (PhT)?** Pharmacy technicians help licensed pharmacists provide medication and other health care products to patients. They work in retail settings, mail-order pharmacies or hospital pharmacies.<sup>1</sup>

**What is the job outlook for PhT?** According to the bureau of labor statistics, employment of pharmacy technicians is expected to increase by 31 percent from 2008 to 2018, which is much faster than the average for all occupations.<sup>1</sup>

**How much does a PhT make?** The median hourly earnings of wage-and-salary pharmacy technicians in 2010-2011 were \$13.32.<sup>1</sup>

**How do I become a licensed PhT?** In California, PhT must complete a training program or pass a national board examination. Completion of the Las Positas College training program in Pharmacy Technology complies with the required training requirements needed towards an application for license by the California State Board of Pharmacy.<sup>2</sup>

**How long is the training program?** The training program is a full-time program offered in a compressed 29-week period. Students must be able to attend classes regularly for 21-weeks and be available for an externship during regular business hours during the last 8 weeks of the program.

**Will I get college credits or units on my transcripts?** No, this program is not available for college credit. College credits are not required to apply for the California State Licensure.

**Are there any prerequisites for the program?** There are no college prerequisites for the training program however Math, English, Biology and Medical Terminology strongly recommended.

**How much does this program cost?** The cost for the training program is **\$3,200**. The fee covers all associated costs for the program. If you are a OneStop client, a Veteran and/or on Unemployment benefits, you may be eligible for additional funding. Contact your individual case worker for additional information.

**What if I cannot afford the program?** If you are a OneStop client, a Veteran and/or on Unemployment benefits, you may be eligible for additional funding. Contact your individual case worker for additional information.

**Who should I contact for more information or to obtain an application?** Visit <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/healthSciences/pharm.php> or email [lpchealthsciences@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:lpchealthsciences@laspositascollege.edu). The application will be released October 1, 2011.

For more information about Pharmacy Technicians:

<sup>1</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics. <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos252.htm>

<sup>2</sup> California State Board of Pharmacy. [http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/tch\\_app\\_pkt.pdf](http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/tch_app_pkt.pdf)

# CAREERS FOR PHARMACY TECHNICIANS



## TRAINING PROGRAM

Complete this 29-week training program and qualify to become a licensed Pharmacy Technician in California. Pharmacy Technicians have a rewarding career working in the medical community at retail pharmacies and in mail-order pharmacies. This comprehensive full-time program provides the foundation training for pharmacy technicians. Students will learn about the pharmacy setting, major drug classifications, pharmaceuticals, dosage calculations, pharmacy inventory and complete an externship (Minimum 120 hours) in a pharmacy setting. This accelerated training program is offered through Las Positas College's Health Sciences Department.

### Certificate Program: 29-week program

- Introduction to Pharmacy Calculations
- Pharmacology
- Advanced Pharmacy Operations
- Pharmacy Externship

**Program Duration: *Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> - June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012***

**Classes Meet for 21 weeks, *Monday through Thursday*  
from 6:30pm to 9:30pm.**

**The remaining 8 weeks are performed through an externship placement.**

**Classes held at the Las Positas College, Building 2400.**

**Program Fee: \$3,200**

