

Chemeketa Community College

Pharmacy Technician



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2026 Application Guide



Technician curriculum is a fully nationally accredited program by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP).

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Pharmacy Technician Program Overview:

The Pharmacy program is a limited enrollment, 9-month, full-time certificate program. This program accepts up to 24 qualifying applicants each year. The program accepts applications each spring for the coming fall.

Upon successful completion of all course requirements with a grade C or higher, students earn a Pharmacy Technician Certificate from Chemeketa. As part of the program, students take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) enabling them to apply for their Certified Pharmacy Technician License. These credentials make Chemeketa graduates highly competitive candidates in the pharmacy workforce.

The Pharmacy Technician certificate program prepares students for positions in community, clinic, and hospital pharmacies. Pharmacy technicians assist licensed pharmacists with preparation of medications. Courses focus on the abilities needed to assist the pharmacist in collecting, organizing, and evaluating information for direct patient care.

Content includes drug classification, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacodynamics of prescription medications, as well as an introduction to non-prescription drugs; pathophysiology regarding diseases; pharmaceutical inventory control; laws and ethics that apply to pharmacy operations; introduction to specialty pharmacies; in-depth concepts of sterility and quality assurance processes; and multicultural aspects of health care. In addition, students develop communication skills and essential mathematical concepts related to medication dosing. Students will also participate in workplace experiences.

The intent of the program is to prepare students to take the national certification examination to become Certified Pharmacy Technicians and be employed in a pharmacy setting.

Application Requirements:

All requirements must be met to meet minimum eligibility. Applicants are responsible for uploading proof or documentation demonstrating that the following criteria have been met as part of the application process.

Applications will be accepted during the application acceptance period. Late applications will not be considered due to strict review timelines.

- ✓ All students need to be active, credit-seeking students at Chemeketa at the time of the application:
 - Apply online at <https://join.chemeketa.edu/register/apply>.
 - Chemeketa K# and email address will be required as part of the application.
- ✓ All school related communication will be sent to your school email
 - Applicants should be checking their email at least 3 days a week (daily is recommended).
- ✓ Show proof of High School Diploma or GED
- ✓ Complete the program prerequisite courses with a C or higher (See Application Score Guide on page 6)

Application Timelines and Details

Application Period:

Monday, March 2, 2026 at 8 am to Friday, June 12, 2026 by 5:00 pm

Applicants should have all application requirements (see above) met prior to applying. This includes having transcripts review completed if transferring credits from other institutions.

Transcript Evaluation Process:

Applicants who would like to utilize completed courses from other colleges and/or universities will need to submit the following:

- Official transcripts
- Submit official transcripts and request for transcripts to be evaluated for the Pharmacy Technician program form.
- [Request for Evaluation and Transfer of Previous Credit \(click here\)](#)

Transcripts evaluations take an average of 10 weeks to complete. To ensure you have your transcripts evaluated prior to applying, transcripts and evaluation request must be submitted by **February 6, 2026**.

What to expect after submitting your application:

- Applicants will automatically receive an email with a copy of their application submission
- Applicant statuses will be sent to your school email the 1st week of July
 - Acceptance with Offer of Admission Form
 - Alternate with Alternate Offer of Admission Form
 - Regrets
- Applicant Offer of Admission due by 5 pm July 13th.
- Mandatory Student Onboarding information/website will be sent by July 15th
 - Accepted students will be required to review and complete mandatory on-boarding requirements with various due dates – make sure to pay attention to deadlines.
 - Requirements include (not limited to)
 - Submitting order for background check, drug screen, and immunization tracking

- Completing a drug screen
- Submitting all required immunization documentation
- Submitting proof of completion of an American Heart Association BLS Provider CPR (must be American Heart Association)
- Program Begins September 28th, 2026
 - This program is facilitated across three consecutive terms (Fall, Winter, & Spring)

Date Guide:

June 29– July 3, 2026: Applicant notification week

July 13, 2026: Offer of Admission Forms Due by 5 pm

July 15, 2026: Onboarding and orientation information will be provided

July 31, 2026: Orientation materials are due by end of day

September 23, 2026: Mandatory in-person Induction

September 28, 2026: First day of term

Communication

Applicants will be required to have access to their my.chemeketa.edu email for all application and course related communications. Applicants should be checking their email at least 3 days a week (daily is recommended)

Disclosure of Student Information

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Chemeketa Community College releases only very limited information regarding students. All Pharmacy Technician students, including those who have filed a Request for Non-Disclosure of Student Information Form, should be aware that some confidential information may be shared. Contracts with practicum placement sites require that the following information be made available about students placed at these sites: CPR certification, immunization status, TB screening test results, criminal background check and drug screen. Students may also be required to submit to an additional 10-panel drug screen urinalysis (UA) as requested by the practicum site. The results of this test will be made available to the requested practicum site. This information is needed for the purposes of student and patient safety.

Every effort is made to limit access to confidential student information to those who have a need to know. For more information regarding Non-Disclosure of Student Information, contact Enrollment Services at 503-399-5001.

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) – Clinical Requirements:

The OARs that Chemeketa’s Pharmacy Technician program follows can be found by following the link below.

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayDivisionRules.action?selectedDivision=1662>

Technology Requirements

It is highly recommended that students have access to a computer with high-speed internet access and a printer. Electronic technology is used extensively in the presentation of content throughout the Pharmacy Technician Program. If students do not possess their own equipment, they should plan to spend at least 20 hours per week utilizing on-campus computer lab and/or library resources.

Student Accessibility Services

Students should seek accommodation advice as soon as possible after admission to the Pharmacy Technician program so that a plan for accommodation can be in place at the beginning of the program. Contact the Office

of Student Accessibility Services to discuss the process of identifying reasonable accommodations. This office is in Building 2, first floor (telephone 503.399.5192 [voice/TTY] or email studentaccess@chemeketa.edu). Reasonable accommodation will be directed toward providing an equal educational opportunity for students with disabilities while adhering to the standards of pharmacy technician practice for all students.

If a student is dissatisfied with any outcomes from Student Accessibility Services, they may appeal the decision through the Dean of Health Sciences.

Questions?

Please contact one of the following:

Health Sciences Office – 503.399.5058

Corey Clark, Program Chair - 503 399.6154

Course Prerequisites, Sequence, and Cost:

Prerequisites:					
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Tuition	Fees	Total
MTH070 (or higher)	Elementary Algebra (or Higher)	4	\$432	\$152	\$584
PSY104 (or higher)	Workplace Psychology	4	\$432	\$152	\$584
WR115 (or higher)	Introduction to Composition	4	\$432	\$152	\$584
Total		12	\$1,296	\$456	\$1,752
Program Courses:					
Term 1					
PHM201	Pharmacy Practice 1	3	\$324	\$114	\$438
PHM226	Pharmacy Lab 1	3	\$324	\$114	\$438
PHM231	Pharmacology 1	4	\$432	\$152	\$584
PHM235	Pharmacy Basics	3	\$324	\$114	\$438
Term 1 Total		13	\$1,404	\$494	\$1,898
Term 2					
PHM202	Pharmacy Practice 2	3	\$324	\$114	\$438
PHM225	Pharmacy, Law, Ethics, and Culture	3	\$324	\$114	\$438
PHM227	Pharmacy Lab 2	3	\$324	\$114	\$438
PHM232	Pharmacology 2	4	\$432	\$152	\$584
Term 2 Total		13	\$1,404	\$494	\$1,898
Term 3					
PHM203	Pharmacy Practice 3	3	\$324	\$114	\$438
PHM233	Pharmacology 3	3	\$324	\$114	\$438
PHM250	Pharmacy Externship	6	\$648	\$228	\$876
PHM251	Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam Preparation	2	\$216	\$76	\$292
Term 3 Total		14	\$1,512	\$532	\$2,044

The total tuition and fees are subject to change based on college budget adjustments and program related fee adjustments. Fees are based on the 25-26 tuition (\$108/credit) and fees (\$38/credit). Totals do not include possible program/lab fees.

Additional estimated costs that occur related to the program:

Background check/drug screening/Immunization tracker \$110+

Immunization: variable/student

CPR Course: \$75+

Scrubs: \$70/set

Pharmacy Tech intern license:

- \$145 application fee
- \$50-100 background check

PTCB Exam Fees: \$129

Fingerprinting: \$70

Background check: \$45

Criminal Background Check and Drug Screening

Once a student has been accepted to the Pharmacy Technician Program, he/she will be required to pass a criminal background check, conducted by the Oregon Board of Pharmacy, which fulfills the requirements of the Oregon Board of Pharmacy as well as clinical sites. In addition, students will be required to pass a ten-panel drug screening urinalysis which fulfills the requirements of clinical sites. If a student does not pass the criminal background check and/ or the drug screening, program registration will not be possible.

If a student is arrested during the time, he/she is enrolled in the Program, he/she must notify the Program Chair of the Pharmacy Technician Program of the arrest. The student's status in the Program will be reviewed by the Pharmacy Technician Program Chair and the Dean of Health Sciences office. A possible outcome of the review may be the student's inability to continue in the Program.

Students may also need to submit to a ten-panel drug screen urinalysis (UA) and/or an additional criminal background check prior to spring term practicum placement as requested by practicum sites.

Information for the required criminal background check and the drug screening will be provided with the Acceptance letter by Chemeketa email.

Immunizations Requirements:

This program requires a variety of immunizations after acceptance into the program. The following vaccines will be required:

TB Screening:

You will be required to submit **one of the following**:

- 2 step-skin test (2 tests)
 - Test must be read after 48-72 hours
 - Second test must be received at least 1 week and no later than 3 weeks after the first test
- Blood draw
 - A QuantiFERON Gold blood draw showing a negative test result can be used to fulfil this requirement.

Notes:

- If there is a history of positive TB, documentation of recent medical evaluation to certify you do not have active infectious tuberculosis will be required.
- If you need the Varicella and/or MMR immunization(s), please have them done with or after the second skin test TB screening.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

You will be required to submit **one of the following**:

- Proof of two doses of MMR (injection) or
- Proof of positive titer (blood draw)

Notes:

- If the MMR vaccine is needed, you can receive this with and/or after your **second** skin test TB screening.
- This vaccine can be provided at the same time as the Varicella vaccine if needed.

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

You will be required to submit **one of the following**:

- Proof of two doses of Varicella (injection) or
- Proof of one dose prior to age of 13 (injection) or
- Proof of positive titer (blood draw)

Notes:

- Documentation of having the disease is not accepted
- If the vaccine is needed, it should be received with and/or after the **second** skin test TB screening

Hepatitis B (HBV)

You will be required to submit **one of the following**:

- Proof of three dose vaccine (injection)
- Proof of positive titer (blood draw)

Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap)

You will be required to submit the following:

- Proof of vaccine within the last 10 years (cannot expire during program)

Flu

You will be required to submit **one of the following**:

- Proof of seasonal flu vaccine
 - Vaccine documentation must include
 - Location/facility received

- Date of injection
- Site of injection
- Lot# and VIS#
- Expiration date
- [Declination Form \(click here\)](#)

Notes:

- The Flu vaccine is required during the flu season and is usually due by October 1st of each year.
- If a declination form is submitted, a mask must be worn while at a clinical facility.

COVID-19

You will be required to submit **one of the following**:

- Proof of vaccine
- [Declination \(click here\)](#)
- [Medical Exemption \(click here\)](#)
- [Religious Exemption \(click here\)](#)

CPR Requirements:

Per Oregon Administrative Rule, the Pharmacy Technician program requires a valid American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) provider level course.

Application Checklist:

- Apply to Chemeketa Community College
 - Visit [How to Enroll \(click here\)](#) if you are not an active student
- Complete the transfer evaluation (if needed)
 - Transcripts must be evaluated and transcribed at Chemeketa prior to applying
 - Reference the [“Transfer Evaluation Process”](#) above for necessary dates
- Review the [Course prerequisite, Sequence, and Cost Guide](#)
- Review [Application Score Guide](#) to ensure required classes are completed
- Review required [background, drug screen, and immunization requirements](#)
- Obtain/submit copies of your High School diploma or GED (**must be submitted with your application**)

Application Score Guide:

Course Number	Course Name	A (6 Pts)	B (4 pts)	C (2 pts)
MTH070 (or higher)	Elementary Algebra (or Higher)			
PSY104 (or higher)	Workplace Psychology			
WR115 (or higher)	Introduction to Composition			
Total Points				/18

Applicants that have not completed the pre-requisites may still apply; however, may not be accepted. Priority will be given to applicants that have completed the prerequisites. Applicants that are in-progress during spring term will have final grades reviewed for the purpose of the application scoring.

Submit your complete application:

Submit your application by completing the [Fall 2026 Application Form \(click here\)](#). You must submit the application using your school Gmail account for your application to be considered.