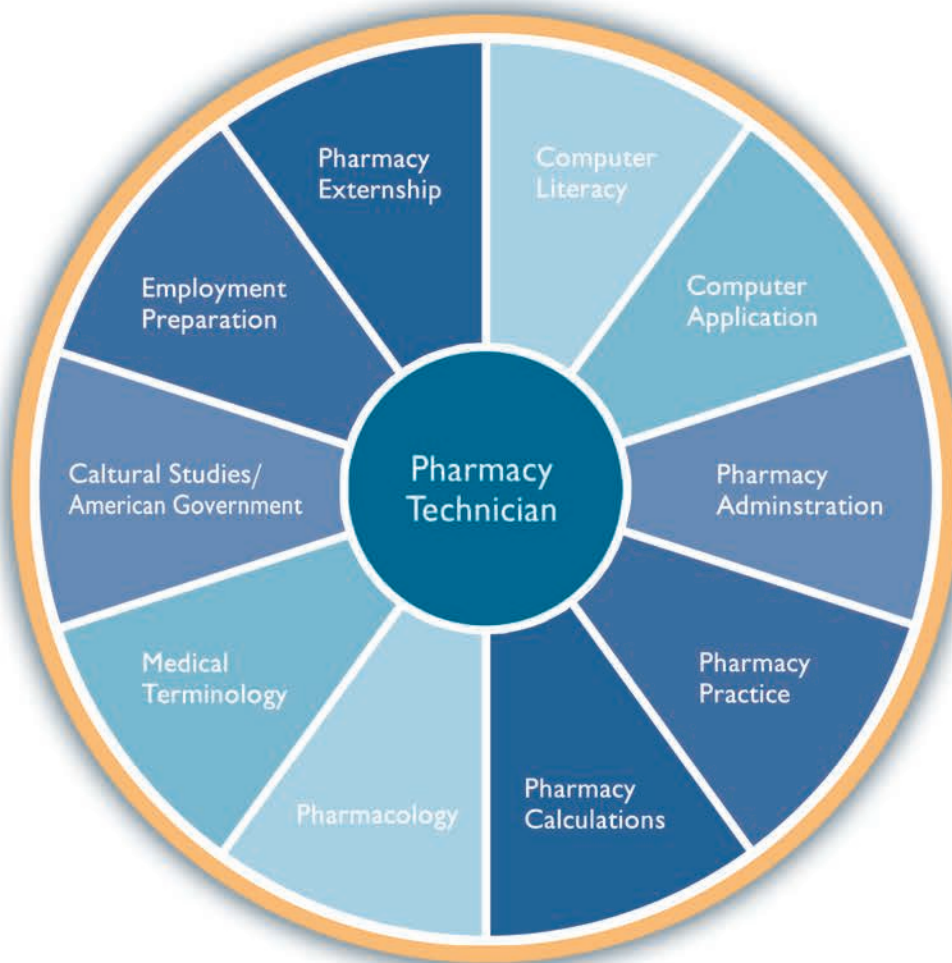




Program Components

The diagram below highlights the major topics covered in the program. Upon successful completion, the graduates receive Diploma in Pharmacy Technician program. For complete and detailed information please refer to the college catalog.



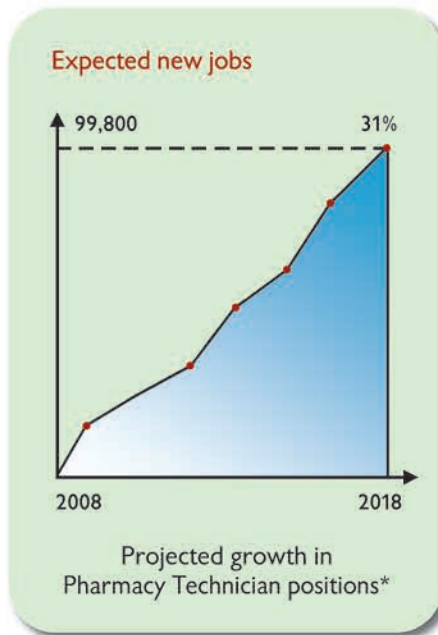
Career Opportunities



Drug Stores • Home Infusion • Clinics • Managed Care
Long-term Care • Online Pharmacy • Outpatient Hospitals

Our Mission

ORT's mission is to meet the educational and vocational needs of diverse students in the shortest time possible in a supportive, caring atmosphere. Further, the mission is to provide technical skills and knowledge necessary for employment and career advancement. Success is measured by meeting or exceeding student, employer, and community expectations, and is shown by continued referrals and recommendations, employment of our students and pride in the accomplishments of ORT among the community and the pool of volunteers.



Career Outlook

According to U.S. Department of Labor, employment of Pharmacy Technicians is expected to increase by 31%, and much faster than the average for all occupations through 2018. The growth is partly due to the increased pharmaceutical needs of a larger and older population, and the greater use of medication. The increased number of middle-aged and elderly (who, on average, use more prescription drugs than younger people) will spur demand for technicians in all practice settings. With advances in science, more medications are becoming available to treat more conditions.

*Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition.



Program Objective

The Pharmacy Technician program is designed and built on actual pharmacy technician performance expectations. After an orientation of pharmacy practice, students learn the role of the computer in both institutional and retail pharmacy settings. Students learn prescription receipt and screening for completeness and accuracy, medication preparation in sterile and non-sterile environments, supply distribution, pharmaceuticals purchasing methods, inventory control methods, insurance billing and payment collection, pharmacy calculations, federal and state regulations, pharmacy equipment and maintenance, pharmacy ethics and effective communication. This program prepares the student for licensing with the California State Board of Pharmacy.

Program Length

This program may be offered in the morning, afternoon or evening sessions. The morning and afternoon sessions are taught 5 days per week (Monday through Friday) for approximately 30 weeks of instruction. In the evening session, this program is taught 4 evenings per week (Monday through Thursday) for approximately 45 weeks of instruction. This is a 30 semester credit hour program with 720 instructional hours.