

Pharmacy technicians perform a variety of duties in a pharmacy under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist, including receiving prescription requests, counting tablets, labeling bottles, maintaining patient profiles, preparing insurance claim forms, and performing administrative functions such as answering phones, stocking shelves, and operating cash registers.

Students who are accepted will participate in a rigorous, online, year-long curriculum and be eligible to sit for the National Technician Certification exam.

Students will learn:

- ◆ Role of the pharmacy technician
- ◆ Laws governing pharmacy techs
- ◆ Pharmaceutical calculations
- ◆ Prescription processing
- ◆ Basic pharmacology

The class will be presented through Blackboard and Pharmacy Technician's University online training. The instruction will include guidance provided by the instructor through Blackboard to assist students with the class requirements.

Students will be assigned online activities and quizzes that will require them to work independently and with their local pharmacist.

A local pharmacy connection will be needed to provide an observation time for the student.

Pathways to Become Certified and Registered

Option #1 - Articulation of credits to Southeast Technical Institute, Pharmacy Technician Program

1. Successfully complete DIAL Pharmacy Technician class with a C or better grade
2. Enroll at STI, 2 credits articulated of the Pharmacy Principles and Practice I
3. Complete one/two year accredited program
4. Pass the national certifying exam
5. Register with SD Board of Pharmacy

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Option #2 - Employment at a pharmacy and work under the supervision of a pharmacist

1. Successfully complete Pharmacy Technician's University curriculum
2. Pass the national certifying exam (PTCB—\$129)
3. Register with SD Board of Pharmacy (\$25 fee)

CONTACT: Hiring Pharmacist

Option #2 will not be available after 2020, as the national certifying exam will require the student to graduate from an accredited school program.

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN



**ONLINE OPPORTUNITY
FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**


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Virtual School

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Students

- ⇒ **SENIORS, graduating 2018**
(limited to 20)
- ⇒ Interested in healthcare
- ⇒ Dedicated to online learning
- ⇒ Math competent
- ⇒ Ability to work on a team
- ⇒ Professional behavior and dress while shadowing

Recommended Prerequisite Classes:

- * Medical Terminology
- * Health Careers I & II

Courses available at SD Virtual School
sdvs.k12.sd.us



Parents

- ⇒ Support student commitment
 - * Time to study
 - * Transportation to pharmacy
- ⇒ Possible costs not covered by the school



Cost

DIAL Virtual School Educational Service Fee:

- \$ 600 full year
(\$ 300/semester)
- \$ 30 lab coat (optional)

Application Process

1. Students fill out the application form located at midcentral-coop.org under the DIAL Virtual School tab by May 15, 2017.
2. Students will be accepted by the end of May. Parents & administrators will be notified and asked to confirm support of the student.
3. Administrators will enroll accepted students in the class by through the SD Virtual School sdvs.k12.sd.us

School

- ⇒ Grant credit for online class - year-long, one hour per day, one credit
- ⇒ Provide a school facilitator for DIAL class
- ⇒ Assist instructor to find a cooperating pharmacy for shadowing
- ⇒ Purchase educational service from DIAL Virtual School
- ⇒ Provide computer and internet access for student use

Pharmacist

- ⇒ Provide shadowing experiences for the pharmacy technician student
- ⇒ Communicate with the instructor and complete a student evaluation form

