

Admission Requirements

- High school diploma or equivalent with a minimum GPA of 2.0
- Adequate performance on a mathematics minimum-competency exam
- Immunization records as required by Yale New Haven Health System

What you need to apply:

- Completed program application
- High school or other degree/certificate program transcripts
- Resume
- Three letters of recommendation:
 - One character reference
 - Two academic or work references
- One-page letter of intent with professional goals and your reasons for pursuing a career as a pharmacy technician.
- Interview
- You will be invited for an interview based upon an evaluation of your application.

Acceptance

Decisions for acceptance are based on your letter of intent, interview performance, and letters of reference.

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Pharmacy Technician Training Program



Yale New Haven Hospital Pharmacy Technician Training Program

Our mission is to train qualified applicants to become pharmacy technicians who are proficient in all areas of health system pharmacy services as an integral part of the YNHH healthcare team.

- Courses provide an introduction to pharmacy concepts and the profession.
- Simulated labs provide the opportunity to get hands-on experience with technology and develop the skills needed to be a successful technician.
- Experiential courses provide real-world training under the guidance of Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)-certified technicians and experienced pharmacists and allow students to apply both conceptual and simulated skills to a real world environment.

What is a pharmacy technician?

A pharmacy technician works under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist. The technician assists in pharmacy activities that do not require the professional judgment of a pharmacist. Pharmacy technicians are the foundation of a pharmacy's distributive and clinical functions.

Pharmacy technicians work in many different settings, including retail locations (such as neighborhood pharmacies or grocery stores); hospitals, clinics and outpatient centers; assisted living facilities; nursing homes; tele-pharmacies; and nuclear pharmacies. The YNHH training program focuses primarily on practice within a hospital setting.

Responsibilities

Technician skills and responsibilities may include but are not limited to:

- Replenishment of automated technology
- Management of emergency medications
- Repackaging medications from bulk
- Preparing sterile and non-sterile compounds in accordance with USP standards
- Adhering to medication safety and regulatory standards
- Assist with medication reconciliation
- Assist with the management of medication inventory
- Training of newly hired technicians
- Triage nursing medication availability

Program Overview: What will I be learning?

Courses:

- Introduction to Pharmacy
- Pharmaceutical Calculations 1
- Pharmaceutical Calculations 2
- Ethics + High Reliability Organizations
- Investigational Drug Overview
- Pharmacy Federal and CT State Law (The Joint Commission)
- Pharmacy Automation/Technology
- Medication Safety
- Non-Sterile Compounding
- Pharmacology & Anatomy and Physiology
- Pharmacy Purchasing, Billing, Inventory and Reimbursement
- Sterile Compounding
- Technician Certification and Program Accreditation
- Pharmaceutical and Medical Terminology

Simulation:

- Dispensing/Filling Lab
- Non-Sterile Compounding
- Sterile Compounding
- Technology/Automation (Pyxis®, carousel, Kitcheck®, packager, DoseEdge®)

Practicum:

- Pharmacy Technician Externship – Ambulatory/Specialty
- Pharmacy Technician Externship – Electives/MRT/Automation technology
- Pharmacy Technician Externship – Inpatient Operations

Program Length and Duration

The program includes 640 hours of teaching, simulation and experiential learning which takes place over a 19-week period.

