

Hello,

I'm glad you are interested in the UPMC Pharmacy Technician Training Program!

The most common question about the program is whether it is truly offered at no cost to the trainee. I am honored to emphatically answer, yes. You can learn the knowledge and skills necessary to launch a career as a pharmacy technician without the cost of tuition. What's more, if accepted into the program, you will be an employee of UPMC and your training will be paid. This means you will be offered the comprehensive benefits package offered to all applicable UPMC employees and you will earn a livable wage while you are training. This is an exciting and rare opportunity!

The pharmacy technician career path is one of the fastest growing careers in the country, projected to grow by 7% from 2023 to 2033. If you have a passion for helping others, possess keen attention to detail and time management skills, and are seeking a solid career with no college requirements, this career path is for you. Pharmacy technicians are employed in many practice settings such as hospitals, retail stores, health insurance companies, and more. As a pharmacy technician there are always new skills to learn and new ways to help patients.

Don't be intimidated to pursue the pharmacy technician career path through this program. Training is balanced throughout the one-year training period, so trainees experience a mix of coursework in the Pharmacy Technician University software, simulations with a trainer, experiential rotations in new skillsets, roles, or practice settings, and on-the-job training in the pharmacy where you were hired to work under the direct supervision of a pharmacist and the observation of a trainer. All learning components are offered concurrently throughout the one-year training. This means you will get to practice knowledge and skills as you are learning them instead of learning all the information first and trying to practice after all the learning is complete.

You will also have the support of the whole pharmacy team throughout your one-year training. All your learning will take place in the pharmacy where you are employed. Your trainer will be a pharmacy technician who is also employed in that pharmacy. You will have access to them and the onsite pharmacy leadership every day. As the program manager, I will also welcome you to the program, support your progress, and celebrate with you when you graduate.

The UPMC Pharmacy Technician Training Program is an excellent opportunity to start a new career with no tuition cost. The need for pharmacy technicians will continue to grow and UPMC offers comprehensive benefits, resources, and opportunities making it an ideal place to build your career. The training program is designed to make learning manageable by balancing learning components and providing trainees with all the support they need. I hope to welcome you to the program!



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