

## **Northwood Technical College FY22 (2021-22) Pharmacy Technician Program**

The following is additional information about the Northwood Tech Pharmacy Technician (PhT) program.  
This information supplements the program webpage and district catalog.

**Degree: One-Year Technical Diploma**

### **PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM - 33 credits**

The Pharmacy Technician (PhT) program is a one-year (two semester) program. Students may also elect to complete the program over two years (four semesters). Students must complete 33 credits to graduate. Students are encouraged to take some courses prior to beginning the core courses. The program combines lecture, laboratory, and clinical courses. Travel is required to clinical sites; students must provide their own transportation. Clinical locations are to be determined.

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### **PROGRAM LOCATIONS/START DATE**

New Richmond—Fall Semester  
Superior—Fall Semester

### **ACADEMIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

You will be admitted to the program based on the date and time the above admission criteria is met.

**PHARMACY TECHNICIAN COURSEWORK** PhT courses are developed so that they must be taken in order. Program progression options are included with this document. CPR for Healthcare Providers training must be completed before students start clinical training.

**CLASS COMMITMENT** In addition to scheduled class time, it is expected that students spend at least two to three hours studying for each hour of classroom lecture they attend. This represents a significant time commitment, and most students find it necessary to reduce work hours during the program.

**TRANSFER CREDIT** Official college transcripts are required for any college coursework that has been completed. Official college transcripts must be sealed and sent from the sending institution.

**PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM STANDARDS** Students must earn a grade of 2.0 or higher in all required courses. This policy includes coursework taken at other colleges. Students must also successfully pass all required course competencies. For specific program course requirements, see individual course syllabi. Failure to achieve a 2.0 in a course, failure to achieve the exam score as specified in the individual course syllabi, or failure to pass all required course competencies will delay advancement in the program until an acceptable grade is achieved. Program courses may only be repeated once. If a course needs to be repeated, please contact your advisor before registering. This policy also applies to coursework taken at other colleges.

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**COMPUTER NEEDS** Since all PhT courses include a web-based component, students are required to have computer and internet access.

**BACKGROUND CHECK AND CONVICTION RECORD** Students in the PhT program will attend clinical sessions in hospital and community pharmacies that are regulated by state and federal government. The laws state that these clinical agencies may not hire anyone with a history of conviction of certain crimes. Northwood Tech must contract with these agencies to provide your clinical experiences while in the program. In order to do so, the agencies expect Northwood Tech to adhere to the same guidelines—in other words, they view students as temporary employees.

Within 90 days of the start of PhT clinical courses, a caregiver background check will be run through the [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#) along with a national criminal background check, and, if applicable, the [Minnesota Department of Human Services](#). Having a conviction history will not necessarily stop you from entering the program. We will need to discuss the charges with you and will make every attempt to confidentially resolve the concern with the hospital and community pharmacies utilized for the clinical courses. Ultimately the hospital and community pharmacies reserve the right to determine what is an acceptable background check. The pharmacy may deny access to their setting based on a negative background check. If this occurs, you would not be able to complete the PhT program requirements. The costs of background checks are the responsibility of the student.

You will also be asked to comply with mandatory drug testing. Positive results on the drug test may also prevent you from being placed in a hospital or community pharmacy.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID** Full time students are eligible for financial aid. Scholarships are available.

#### **GRADUATE SALARY EXPECTATIONS**

Data not available.

**PROGRAM PROGRESSION OPTIONS** The Pharmacy Technician program is scheduled to be completed in two semesters as indicated on the Curriculum Checklist. If you would like to spread the courses out over a longer period of time, the following courses could all be taken before you enter into the occupational-specific courses.

❖ Medical Terminology	10-501-101	3 Credits
❖ Digital Literacy for Healthcare	10-501-107	2 credits
❖ Applied Interpersonal Skills	32-809-380	2 credits
❖ Introduction to Psychology	10-809-198	3 credits

The program can also be completed over four semesters.

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**Checklist for Pharmacy Technician Admission**

**\*\* All criteria in Phase 1 must be met before moving to Phase 2 \*\***

**Phase 1: Application for Pharmacy Technician Program**

- Complete application and submit with fee (fee waiver may apply if previously submitted)
- Academic admission requirements: Students who are considering the program must meet one of the following items:
  - Minimum High School GPA of 2.1
  - ACT Score of 18
  - Minimum College GPA 2.0 (min 3 cr)
  - Associate or Bachelor's Degree
  - Accuplacer scoresAdditional measures may be considered as determined by the counselor.
- Have earned a high school diploma or GED certificate. Current high school seniors must provide both a current high school transcript and a final transcript with confer date
- Review and sign Background Check Disclosure
- Review and sign Functional Abilities Disclosure
- Complete admissions meeting with a Northwood Tech counselor (academic admission requirements apply)

**Phase 2: Entry to Pharmacy Technician Program**

Will be collected by Pharmacy Technician instructors:

- Submit Background Check fee
- Have an acceptable Wisconsin Caregiver Background Check, National Criminal Background Check, Minnesota Caregiver Background Check (if applicable), and other states, if applicable
- Pass a physical exam, have current immunizations, and demonstrate negative status for tuberculosis (Tb). Decision to not receive vaccinations may limit ability to obtain clinical placement based upon meeting site placement requirements.
- Review and sign Health Sciences Confidentiality Statement
- Possess current certification of CPR for Healthcare Providers or equivalent
- Participate in a mandatory Pharmacy Technician program orientation
- Pass mandatory drug testing

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Prices listed are approximate costs and subject to change

Application	\$30.00
Textbooks (PhT occupational specific courses)	\$800.58
WI Caregiver Background Check	\$10.00
MN Caregiver Background Check	\$29.10
National Criminal Background Check	\$52.00
Drug test	\$56.00

**FIRST TERM TUITION/FEES: \$2,519**

10-501-101 Medical Terminology	\$456.00
10-501-107 Digital Literacy for Healthcare	\$305.50
31-536-301 Fundamentals of Reading Prescriptions	\$305.50
31-536-302 Pharmacy Business Applications	\$535.50
31-536-303 Pharmaceutical Calculations	\$456.00
31-536-304 Pharmacy Benefits Management	\$155.00
31-536-305 Pharmacy Law	\$305.50

**COURSE PREREQUISITE**

AHA CPR for Health Care Providers	\$55.05
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**SECOND TERM - TUITION/FEES: \$2,669.50**

31-536-306 Pharmacology	\$456.00
31-536-307 Pharmacy Drug Distribution Systems	\$305.50
31-536-308 Pharmacy Parenteral Admixtures	\$535.50
32-809-380 Applied Interpersonal Skills	\$305.50
10-809-198 Introduction to Psychology	\$456.00
31-536-309 Pharmacy Community Clinical	\$305.50
31-536-310 Pharmacy Hospital Clinical	\$305.50

Namepin (LRC)	free
WITC Patch	\$3.00
Wine/maroon scrubs	\$25.00

**APPROXIMATE PROGRAM TOTAL** \$6,249.23

Transportation costs to and from clinical agencies will vary  
 Computer, other required hardware, or upgrade costs will be discussed on an individual basis.  
 Students are responsible for additional clinical agency requirements.  
 Students are responsible for health form costs (Tb test, Immunizations, titers, exam, etc.)