Northwood Technical College
FY23 (2022-23) 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

Pharm Tech courses are developed so that they must be taken in order. Program progression options are included with this document. BLS Basic Life Support 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.

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
Students in the Pharmacy Technician program may not be eligible to receive full financial aid, due to Department of Education regulations on how credits are recognized. For more information contact your campus Financial Aid Advisor. Scholarships are available.

GRADUATE SALARY EXPECTATIONS
Graduates earn between $34,525--$36,106 annually. The most recent graduate follow-up study indicates the average yearly salary to be $35,399.

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.

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 Northwood Tech application.

_____ 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 scores

Additional 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 the Functional Abilities Disclosure

_____ Complete Admissions meeting with a Northwood Tech counselor (academic admission requirements apply)

Phase 2: Entry to Pharmacy Technician Program

_____ Submit Background Check fee to Student Services as designated on cover page

_____ Have an acceptable Wisconsin Caregiver Background Check, National Criminal Background Check, Minnesota Caregiver Background Check (if applicable), and other states, if applicable (required at program start and prior to practicum)

_____ Pass a physical exam, have current immunizations, and demonstrate negative status for Tuberculosis (TB). Decision not to receive vaccinations may limit ability to obtain clinical placement based upon meeting site placement requirements.

_____ Possess current certification of "BLS Basic Life Support" or equivalent

_____ Review and sign Health Sciences Confidentiality Statement

_____ 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

Textbooks (PhT occupational specific courses)	digital + print	$419.65
	digital only is $250	
WI Caregiver Background Check, National Criminal Background Check, and Drug test		$118.00
	*Superior campus $104	
MN Caregiver Background Check		$29.10
Health Requirements Compliance Tracker		$28.00

FIRST TERM TUITION/FEES: $2,540.4

10-501-101	Medical Terminology	$463.95
10-501-107	Digital Literacy for Healthcare	$310.80
31-536-301	Fundamentals of Reading Prescriptions	$310.80
31-536-302	Pharmacy Business Applications	$522.45
31-536-303	Pharmaceutical Calculations	$463.95
31-536-304	Pharmacy Benefits Management	$157.65
31-536-305	Pharmacy Law	$310.80

COURSE PREREQUISITE

BLS Basic Life Support	$55.54

SECOND TERM - TUITION/FEES: $2,693.55

31-536-306	Pharmacology	$463.95
31-536-307	Pharmacy Drug Distribution Systems	$310.80
31-536-308	Pharmacy Parenteral Admixtures	$522.45
32-809-380	Applied Interpersonal Skills	$310.80
10-809-198	Introduction to Psychology	$463.95
31-536-309	Pharmacy Community Clinical	$310.80
31-536-310	Pharmacy Hospital Clinical	$310.80

Namepin (LRC)	free
Wine/maroon scrubs	$40.00

APPROXIMATE PROGRAM TOTAL	$5,924.24

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.)