

## PROGRAM & CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ *\$20,000 - \$59,800 wage range.*
- ✓ *Students participate in a hands-on, interactive learning environment*
- ✓ *Be a part of a career that is undergoing exciting career changes.*
- ✓ *Professional Opportunities: Students have found employment in retail, institutional and long term care pharmacies.*



# PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

*This program is well suited for students wishing to pursue a career in the rapidly growing field of Pharmacy Technicians. You will learn computer skills, drug terminology and basic pharmacology in a simulated work environment. Graduates are working with Pharmacists in retail and institutional pharmacies.*

*The Pharmacy Technician program of Robertson College Calgary has been awarded the status of Provisional Accreditation by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs for a three year term 2011-2013.*

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# PROGRAM OUTLINE // 10 MONTHS

<b>BASIC PHARMACY PRACTICE</b>	You will learn about the therapeutic and chemical classifications of medication and its use in the treatment of disease states in the human body system.
<b>BASIC PHARMACY SCIENCE</b>	Anatomy and physiology of the human body are taught. Knowledge of medical terminology will be gained from this course as well.
<b>COMPUTER FUNDAMENTALS</b>	This course introduces you to the basics of computers in a Windows 7 environment.
<b>DISPENSING IN COMMUNITY PHARMACY</b>	Using hands-on and theoretical exercises in a lab environment, you will learn dispensing practices, pharmacy software and workflow.
<b>HISTORY, LAW AND ETHICS</b>	This course introduces you to a career as a Pharmacy Technician. Throughout the course you will learn about the profession's history, role and industry ethics within a changing environment.
<b>HUMAN RELATIONS</b>	You will learn how to develop effective oral communication, customer service and written communication skills throughout this course.
<b>INSTITUTIONAL PHARMACY</b>	Hospital and personal-care home practices are taught in this course. This course will prepare you to work in an institutional setting.
<b>KEYBOARDING SKILLS</b>	You will learn proper keyboarding skills in this course. The course focuses on formatting skills and increasing keyboarding speed and accuracy.
<b>WORD PROCESSING</b>	Word processing software is used to create, store, and retrieve documents (such as letters, memoranda, news releases and business reports) that can be edited anytime.
<b>PHARMACY MATH</b>	You will learn how to calculate and determine dosages as well as prepare and dispense medications using imperial, metric, apothecary and household systems.
<b>STERILE DRUG PREPARATION</b>	Using hands-on and theoretical exercises in a lab environment, you will be introduced to the concepts of Sterile Drug Preparation and use.
<b>TECH CHECK TECH</b>	This course is designed to introduce the student to the basic concepts of Tech Check Tech in a simulated Pharmacy Lab, teaching such skills necessary to ensure consistency and accuracy. It will introduce systematic checking processes to help detect common errors.

## CAREER MANAGEMENT

Throughout the program you will practice interview techniques, create or improve your resume, learn networking skills and how to successfully search and find career-related employment.

## INDUSTRY PRACTICUM

An eight week Pharmacy Technician work practicum is included in this program. This practicum will give you a chance to put your newly acquired skills to work in a "real-world" environment while gaining valuable experience.

## NOTES