PCSS Post Secondary Spotlight:
Pharmacy Technician Diploma

Pursue a career as a Pharmacy Technician and enter a high demand field that is continuously growing. Our graduates are highly sought after by employers.
As a Pharmacy Technician, you will work closely with pharmacists and other healthcare professionals in diverse settings from hospitals to community pharmacies.
In this program, you will learn the skills required to perform vital functions to support patient care and health maintenance efforts of the pharmacy team, including processing and preparing prescriptions, organizing inventory, processing insurance claims and much more.
You will learn in simulation lab facilities that replicate real work environments. Outside the classroom, you will benefit from partnerships that guarantee you receive enhanced practicum and learning experiences.

The Pharmacy Technician Program of Red Deer Polytechnic has been awarded Accreditation Status by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs from January 1, 2023 - June 30, 2028. It prepares the graduate to become a Registered Pharmacy Technician (RPhT) following graduation and successful completion of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) certification process and the Alberta College of Pharmacy (ACP) registration process.

Academic Requirements
Students applying to the Pharmacy Technician program must have:
Fall 2025 Intake
- High School Diploma or GED with a minimum of 60% in each of:
  - Biology 30 (or BIOL 0300 or equivalent)
  - Chemistry 30 (or CHEM 0300 or equivalent)
  - ELA 30-1 (or ENGL 0301 or equivalent) or ELA 30-2 (or ENGL 0300 or equivalent)
  - Mathematics 30-1 (or MATH 0301 or equivalent) or Mathematics 30-2 (or MATH 0300 or equivalent)

Related Careers
- Hospital Pharmacy Technician
- Community Pharmacy Technician

Work-integrated Learning
As part of the Pharmacy Technician Diploma, you participate in a four-week (160 hours) community pharmacy practicum placement and a five-week (200 hours) hospital pharmacy practicum placement.

2 year Diploma
On-Campus
Full-Time

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