

**Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Education Options**

This document is meant to serve as a resource outlining educational options to supplement on-the-job training through a registered apprenticeship. Montana Department of Labor & Industry does not claim endorsement for any program.

**Montana Community Colleges, Classroom Based:**

* Flathead Valley Community College

Certificate Program. 17 credits.

Applications due by May 20th

Program begins Fall Semester. 6-10 students admitted.

Estimated cost $2000 in-district, $2700 out-of-district for tuition and fees.

Requires competency in math and writing through placement testing into M 120 and WRIT 101.

http://www.fvcc.edu/programs/health-care/pharmacy-technology-certificate/

* Miles Community College

Certificate Program. 33 Credits.

Estimated in-district cost $1950 for tuition and fees, $550 for books and supplies.

Requires college level competency in math and writing through COMPASS testing.

<https://www.milescc.edu/DegreesPrograms/Nursing/PharmacyTech/>

**Montana Community College, Distance Education:**

* Great Falls College

Certificate Program. 28 credits.

Applications due October 30th.

Program begins Spring semester. 23 students per class.

Offered online except for clinical rotation.

Estimated total cost $3280 for tuition and fees, $1,148 for books and supplies.

Requires college level competency in math through placement testing into M 090 or completion of M 065.

<http://catalog.gfcmsu.edu/academic-programs/pharmacy-technician/>

* Missoula College

ASHP-Accredited Program

Certificate of Applied Science. 30 Credits.

Program begins in the Fall. Admits up to 12 students per class.

Applications due by April 1st.

Estimated cost $3500 for tuition and fees, $1400 for books and supplies.

Requires college level competency in math, writing and computers.

<http://mc.umt.edu/academics/health/pharmtech/>

Distance education course sharing options between Missoula College and City College MSU Billings are anticipated 2016/2017.

**Other Distance Education Options:**

* Mineral Area College

Self-directed through free, publically available materials.

Noncredit bearing, students are not enrolled in a course or program.

https://www.skillscommons.org/handle/taaccct/2005

The following distance education options offer self-paced, online course work and exam preparation. These courses are non-credit bearing and do not offer certificates or degrees. These courses are accredited through Distance Education Accrediting Commission. Course costs vary; but are around $600-$800 with upfront payment; $800-$1000 with graduated payments. Penn Foster Career School is VA benefit eligible.

* Penn Foster Career School: http://www.pennfoster.edu/programs-and-degrees/medical-and-health-careers/pharmacy-technician-career-diploma
* US Career Institute: <http://www.uscareerinstitute.edu/certificates/health-care-programs/pharmacy-technician/>
* Ashworth College: <https://www.ashworthcollege.edu/career-diplomas/pharmacy-technician/>
* Blackstone Career Institute: <http://blackstone.edu/pharmacy-technician/>
* Allied Health Schools Career Training: http://alliedhealthcareertraining.enrollware.com/schedule

Sponsors and apprentices can also opt to utilize textbook-based curriculum options.

**For More Information:**

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