# Enrolling Now!

# Programs in Healthcare

# **Pharmacy Technician Certificate**

- Are you conscientious, and do you have a strong attention to detail?
- Do you have excellent customer service skills?
- Are you well organized and able to balance multiple priorities?
- Do you have the patience to tolerate a busy day while providing quality care?

If you answered "yes" to these questions, you may want to consider a career in Pharmacy Technician.

# Career Option...

**Pharmacy Technician** 

Median Annual Salary: \$28,400

Recommended Education: H.S. Diploma, postsecondary

non-degree award (certificate) preferred

www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/pharmacy-technicians.htm





# Pharmacy Technician @ QCC

The Pharmacy Technician program provides students with the knowledge needed to prepare for a career as a pharmacy technician.

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

- Gain knowledge regarding the laws of pharmacy practice
- Learn drug names and classification, compounding, calculations, abbreviations and dosage forms.
- Perform various pharmacy technician duties.
- Refine communication and interview skills.
- Assist the pharmacist as directed.

### Did You Know...?

- Employment of pharmacy technicians is expected to grow by 32 percent from 2010 to 2020, much faster than the average for all occupations. As a result of advances in pharmaceutical research, more prescription medications are being used to fight diseases.
- QCC's program provides a great opportunity for students to gain entry-level employment in healthcare, while providing additional foundational skills for today's healthcare field.
- If students complete QCC's Pharmacy Technician Certificate, maintain a GPA of 3.0 and meet the admission requirements of a Healthcare program, they will be guaranteed admission on a space available basis.

## **Next Steps**

Apply for Admission to QCC online, or in person!

- Online: www.QCC.edu/pages/Enrollment Steps.html
- By Phone: QCC Admissions, 508-854-4262
- In Person on the Main Campus: Admissions, Harrington Learning Center, 670 West Boylston Street, Worcester
- In Person at Workforce Central Career Center, 44 Front Street, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Worcester

If you have questions about the program, call Admissions at 508-854-4262, or email MyWay@qcc.mass.edu.

#### **Worcester Area Employers**

- CVS Pharmacy
- Reliant Medical Group
- Rite Aid
- Stop & Shop Pharmacy
- UMass Memorial Medical Center
- Walgreens

#### **Professional Associations**

- American Association of Pharmacy
  Technicians: www.pharmacytechnician.com
- Pharmacy Technician, ACPE Resources: www.acpe\_accredit.org/technicians/ resourses.asp

#### **Sources Used**

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www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-2052.00

Quinsigamond Community College, Online Course Catalog:

 www.qcc.edu/academics/healthcare/pharmacy-technician

Quinsigamond Community College is part of the Massachusetts Community Colleges and Workforce Development Transformation Agenda, which brings together Massachusetts' 15 community colleges, the Commonwealth's adult basic education and workforce development systems, career centers and industry stakeholders to change the way education and skills training are delivered and to prepare dislocated and under-skilled workers for the emerging, knowledge-based economy. As part of the initiative, Quinsigamond Community College supports students along efficient career pathways by helping them attain degrees, certificates and industry recognized credentials through accelerated programs linked closely to industry need. The statewide initiative is supported by a \$20 million, threeyear grant from the United States Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration TAACCCT. Grant Agreement #TC-22505-11-60-A-25.