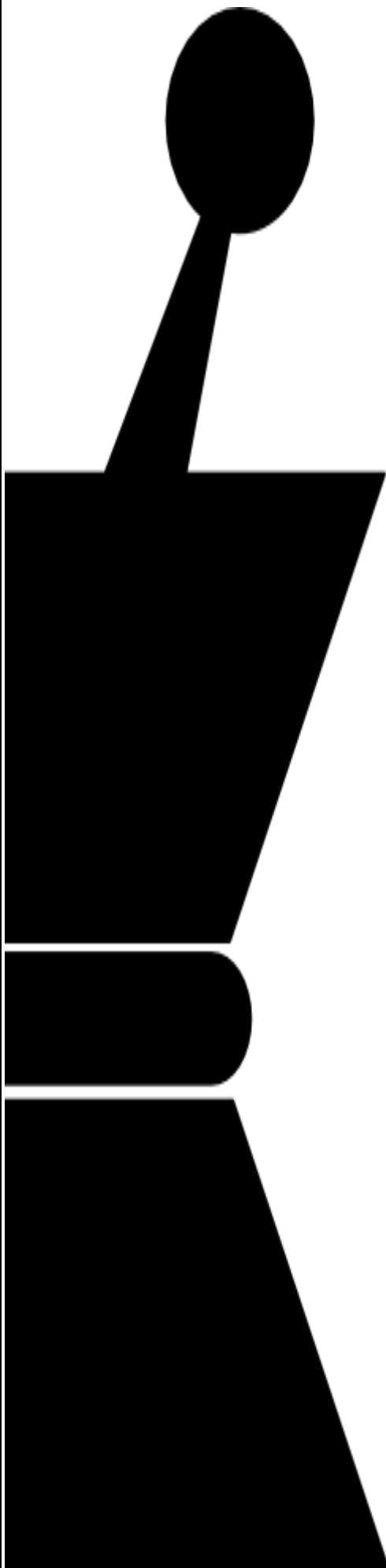


APPLICATION



**Pharmacy Technician
Program
San Jacinto College
2020-2021**

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Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Pharmacy Technician Program at San Jacinto College North. To give an overview of what our program can offer in just three terms, please review the following:

- Certificate of Technology – Upon completion of the program, students will receive a certification that is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) / Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)
- IV Certification of Completion – Offered through the National Pharmacy Technician Association (NPTA). Students have the opportunity to become IV certified, which enables them to prepare sterile products in any pharmacy setting.
- CPR Certification – As part of the program students, obtain training in Basic Life Support (BLS) Healthcare Provider CPR through the American Heart Association.
- Experience – Students practice and gain experience in retail and hospital settings during two clinical rotations.
- Pass the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam – Upon completion of the program, students gain the knowledge and skills to pass the national exam. Visit www.ptcb.org or www.nhanow.com

Regular Informational Session dates, detailed program information and application forms are available on our website: www.sanjac.edu/pharmtech or you may pick up an application packet in our office located in Allied Health & Science Building N17

Students who have been accepted must attend a Mandatory tentative for Fall 2020

We know this is an important decision and we would be happy to talk with you about how three semesters in our program can prepare you for a successful career as a certified pharmacy technician. We look forward to having you as a student in our program. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 281-998-6150 or email me at the address below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Irene Villatoro".

Irene Villatoro, BS, CPhT, PhTR
Pharmacy Technology -Program Director
San Jacinto College North
Email: irene.villatoro@sjcd.edu

About the Program, who are we?

The program was established in August 1999 with the primary purpose of providing a reliable formal education and training to students who desire to become pharmacy technicians. The American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) and the Accreditation Council Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredits San Jacinto College Pharmacy Technician Program, an organization that works with other regulatory authorities to set the standard for pharmacy practice nationwide.

Prospect for Employment, where can I find a job?

Employment of pharmacy technicians is expected to increase by over 21 percent from 2016 - 2026, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. This demand will be due to the expansion of retail pharmacies, the increased number of middle-aged and elderly people, and the increasing roles and responsibilities of pharmacy technicians.

Graduates of our program can work as pharmacy technicians in:

- Hospitals,
- Nursing homes,
- Retail,
- Home health care, and
- Public and government health agencies.

Median salary for Gulf Coast region \$34,422 per year, Pharmacy Technician
Source: texaswages.com, Gulf Coast region, 2017

How am I accepted?

We receive this very common question from our applicants. First, you must be a student at San Jacinto College. Then you must take the TSAI test to gather information about your performance. You will then apply to the pharmacy technician program, complete a background check, and drug screen through the Castle Branch System. The program will also require immunizations to be submitted through the Castle Branch System. You must also apply to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy to gain your Pharmacy Technician License.

Qualification for acceptance to our program

- Apply to San Jacinto
- Take the TSAI test
- Apply to the Pharmacy Technician Program
- Negative Drug Test and Background Check using the Castle Branch System
- Submit all needed immunizations
- Receive the Texas State Board of Pharmacy Trainee License.
- Valid Social Security Number
- Transportation to and from Clinicals

When are classes offered?

Classes are offered Fall semester and Spring semester. Our Spring semester offers flexible hours in the day time and are Hybrid/Online courses. The Fall semester is more traditional and have more face to face classes.

Where can I find the application to apply to the Pharmacy Technician Program?

You can find the application on our website: www.sanjac.edu/pharmtech or if you received the application packet, it is located on page 6. If you used the electronic copy, please email the application to irene.villatoro@sjcd.edu or you can fill out and print the application and hand deliver to San Jacinto College North Campus Allied Health Science Building N17-2101.

Do I need pre-requisites for acceptance to the program or pass the TSAI Reading, Math and Writing Levels?

Currently, the Pharmacy Technician Program has no pre-requisites to be accepted however it's mandatory for all students to take the TSAI to gauge their level performances. We believe that a certain level of testing is important to be successful in the program therefore your TSAI levels will be reviewed. If you do not meet the successful level, you must participate in a Pharmacy Tech Level Crash course. This crash course will help you focus on weakness that may hinder your success into the program.

Taken the TSI Test with

Suggested Scores:

Math (325 or higher) Reading (330 or higher) Writing (330 or higher)

When are the classes offered?

Class times may vary depending on availability. For an average schedule, our students are typically here from 8am to 12:30pm Monday thru Friday. All classes are first come first serve bases. We do have overfill classes that may not fall under the traditional class time stated above.

Why do I need to pass a Background Check and Drug Screen?

Illicit drug use, criminal background checks, and immunization status may prevent future employment as a Pharmacy Technician. Our program wants to be sure; there are no barriers from completing the program or gaining a license from the Texas State Board of Pharmacy. For more information, please visit <https://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/TechTrainee.asp>

Where can I find information about the Background Check and Drug Screen?

This information is located on our website www.sanjac.edu/pharmtech or the Application Packet. It is mandatory for you to complete a Background Check and Drug Screen to register to the Pharmacy Technician Courses. Per our program requirements, accreditation, and affiliation sites you must have a Clear Background, no criminal history and a Negative Drug Screen. If you have a Positive Drug Screen, you must have proof of your current and valid prescriptions sent to Castle Branch. The Texas State Board of Pharmacy, future employers, and the National Testing agencies have set requirements for Background Checks and Drug Screens. For more information, please visit <https://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/TechTrainee.asp>.

Background Checks and Drug Screens must be completed using the approved system Castle Branch. No other testing or screening will be allowed; we will not consider them.

What are the steps to follow for the Castle Branch System?

Step 1:

Go to www.castlebranch.com and place a onetime order using the package code SQ27

Step 2:

Fill out all important information needed to complete the registration online and pay (\$86)

Step 3:

The Background Check will take 48-72 hours to complete online. All results will be sent to the Pharmacy Technician Program. Log back to check completion within 48-72 hours

Step 4:

Login to the Castle Branch system within 3-4 business days and download the electronic chain of custody form. Click on the link and schedule your appointment (call) the labcorp company. Print out the form and take it to the location provided on the form. If you are having issues with this step, please contact ASAP.

Step 5:

Once you have completed the Labcorp visit please email irene.villatoro@sjcd.edu to mark pending.

What immunizations are required for application?

Immunizations are required by our clinical sites and enforced by our Advisory Committee for the application process. Below you will find a chart listing the immunizations with specific requirements.

Immunization Records

The medical document manager from Castle Branch stores all of your immunization records and important documents. **The cost of vaccinations and testing will not be covered. Candidates will have to pay out of pocket.** Scan all immunization records to Castle Branch and upload file. Students can also use the Castle Branch app to take pictures and submit records. It is the student's responsibilities to be sure all submissions are cleared. If you have a rejection, or an error you must contact Castle Branch or forward information to the Program Director irene.villatoro@sjcd.edu

Please submit the following 6 immunizations:

Tetanus-diphtheria (Tdap) proof of 1 dose less than 10 years old
Varicella (Chickenpox): proof of 2 doses or blood test titer (<i>HX of disease is not accepted</i>)
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR): proof of 2 doses or blood test titer
Hepatitis B (Hep B): proof of 3 doses blood test titer

The following immunization must be completed within 12 months from the start of clinical rotation. Please do not complete this test until Mid-August.

TB Skin Test (TB/PPD): If positive skin test you must have a chest x-ray performed as proof

The following immunization must be completed within the flu season of clinical rotation. Typically, new immunizations are ready by October 2019:

Influenza (Flu) Vaccine: usually available in October for new flu season
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Why do I need a Texas State Board of Pharmacy Trainee license to be accepted into the program?

The Texas State Board of Pharmacy requires all students to be a Trainee through the TSBP when completing clinical rotations. By law, you must have a valid trainee license.

Texas State Board of Pharmacy Trainee License

In order to complete the following courses: PHRA 2261 and PHRA1261 student must register to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy to obtain a Pharmacy Technician Trainee License. The license is issued for only two (2) years and is not renewable. This process will be completed in 2 parts. First the student must register and pay <https://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/TechTrainee.asp> for the application. After registration is completed, the student will schedule an appointment and pay for an additional background check <https://uenroll.identogo.com/servicecode/11G3HG>. This process may take several months please complete by the deadline provided by the program.

Please be aware that the Texas State board of Pharmacy will ask for a background check at any given time for renewal of license. Employers will also ask for a background check for hire. It is important to be transparent if you have anything on record. This program will only accept you if you have a clean background check.

When do I sit for the National Board Exam?

You will sit for the National Board Exam during the last semester of the program, typically around August. You must register and select the day and time for testing. Testing not provided at the College and Transportation is required. The testing site is not affiliated with San Jacinto College.

Where can I find the cost for the Program?

The cost of the program is located on our website www.sanjac.edu/pharmtech. You can also find this information in our application packet located on page 8.

Where can I find information about the Job responsibilities of a Pharmacy Technician in Texas?

This information can be found on our website www.sanjac.edu/pharmtech or can be located on the Texas State Board of Pharmacy page: www.pharmacy.texas.gov/techduties.asp

How much does a Pharmacy Technician make?

This information can be found on our website www.sanjac.edu/pharmtech, our college catalog www.nextpublication.sanjac.edu or www.texaswages.com the median annual rate according to the Texas Wages 2017 study is \$34,444 year (\$12.48-\$16.25 per hour)

How do I know which clinical sites I will be assigned to?

Very good question! The Pharmacy Technician Program has several pharmacy contracts in our greater Houston area however; the selection is very limited depending on the pharmacies availability. Towards the end of the 2nd semester, our Clinical Coordinator will assign the clinical sites that best fits the student. Transportation is required and long-distance driving will be required as well.

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SECTION 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name:	Middle Initial:	Last Name:
Date of birth:	SSN: (last 4 digits) -	Phone:
Email:	San Jac ID:	DL or State ID:
Current Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:

SECTION 2: EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Employer:	Position:		
Hours per week:	Start Date:	End Date:	Still Employed <input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 3: EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Name:	Relationship:
Email:	Phone:

SECTION 4: HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION INFORMATION

High School / Institution:				
Completion Date:	Circle the type of Award:	Diploma	or	GED
City:	State:	Zip Code:		

SECTION 5: COLLEGE OR TRAINING SCHOOL INFORMATION

College / Training School :			
Completion Date:	Degree Award:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:	

SECTION 6: LIST ANY LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE YOU CURRENTLY HOLD

Certificate:	Exp Date:	Certificate Number:
License:	Exp Date:	License Number:

SECTION 7: OPTIONAL INFORMATION (NOT OBLIGATED TO FILL OUT TO COMPLETE APPLICATION)

Place of Birth:	Ethnicity:
Marital Status:	Gender:

San Jacinto College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or physical disability.

SECTION 8: SIGNATURES

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application to be true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant:	Date:
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List of required textbooks for the Pharmacy Technician Program

*Books list may change semester to semester please verify with Department for the most up to date list.

Course Number	Course Name	Name of Book	Author	Edition
PHRA 1202	Pharmacy Law	Law & Ethics for Pharmacy Techs	Moini	3 rd
PHRA 1305	Drug Classification	No Book required		
PHRA 1313	Community Pharmacy Practice I	Pharmacy Practice for Technicians	Ballington	6 th
PHRA 1309	Pharmaceutical Mathematics I	No Book required		
HPRS 1206	Essentials of Medical Terminology	Medical Terminology, Get Connected!	Frucht	2 nd
PHRA 1441	Pharmacy Drug Therapy and Treatment	Pharmacology for Technicians	Ballington	6 th
PHRA 1347	Pharmaceutical Mathematics II	No Book required		
PHRA 1345	Compounding Sterile Prep & Aseptic	Sterile Products & Aseptic Techniques	Johnston	2 nd
PHRA 1349	Institutional Pharmacy Practice II	Pharmacy Practice for Technicians	Ballington	6 th
PHRA 1243	Pharmacy Tech Cert Review	Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination		
PHRA 2261	Clinical – Institutional Pharmacy	No books required		
PHRA 1261	Clinical – Community Pharmacy	No books required		

SJC North Campus Pharmacy Technician Program Cost Estimates

Approximate Total Costs for the Pharmacy Technician Program as of Fall 2019

Entrance Fees:	In District	Out of District
Drug Screen/Immunization Tracker/Background	\$86.00	\$86.00
TSBP Registration	\$98.00	\$98.00
Misc. Fees (immunizations may vary)**	Varies	Varies
First Semester: (13 credit hours)		
Tuition Fee	\$1,014.00	\$1,755.00
Textbooks*	\$380.00	\$380.00
First Semester Total:	\$1,394.00	\$2,135.00
Second Semester: (13 credit hours)		
Tuition Fee	\$1,014.00	\$1,755.00
Textbooks*	\$182.00	\$182.00
Second Semester Total:	\$1,196.00	\$1,937.00
Third Semester: (6 credit hours)		
Tuition Fee	\$468.00	\$810.00
Textbooks*	\$60.00	\$60.00
Third Semester Total:	\$528.00	\$870.00
Grand Total for All Semesters:	\$3,118.00	\$4,942.00

** - Price may vary on individual shot record/third party payment plan

* - Estimated cost of books based on purchases of new books

*** Clinical Rotation for 3rd semester cost does not include but not limited to: transportation cost, fees for tolls, parking fees, or food.

Credit Student

Pharmacy Technician (4PHAR)	
First Term Fall Semester	Credit Hours
PHRA 1202 Pharmacy Law	2
PHRA 1305 Drug Classification	3
PHRA 1313 Community Pharmacy Practice I	3
PHRA 1309 Pharmaceutical Mathematics I	3
HPRS 1206 Essentials of Medical Terminology	2
Subtotal	13
Second Term Spring Semester	Credit Hours
PHRA 1441 Pharmacy Drug Therapy and Treatment	4
PHRA 1347 Pharmaceutical Mathematics II	3
PHRA 1345 Compounding Sterile Preparations and Aseptic Technique	3
PHRA 1349 Institutional Pharmacy Practice	3
Subtotal	13
Third Term Summer Semester	Credit Hours
PHRA 2261 Clinical - Institutional Pharmacy	2
PHRA 1261 Clinical - Community Pharmacy	2
PHRA 1243 Pharmacy Tech Cert Review	2
Subtotal	6
Certificate of Technology Total Credit Hours	
	32
<p>*Capstone Experience Note: Student must pass each course listed in the certificate for Pharmacy Technician with a grade of C or higher to be eligible to receive a certificate of technology. Students must have all clinical requirements to be placed in clinical rotation. Transportation must be provided by the student to complete 160 unpaid clinical hours for each clinical course</p>	