

PHARMACY (PHAR)

Courses

PHAR-110 PHARMACY LAW AND ETHICS 2 Credits

This course provides the student with an introduction to federal and state laws regulating the practice of pharmacy. Special emphasis is given to the areas of state law for Idaho and Washington regulating the activities of the technician. This course includes a focus on recordkeeping and medical ethics to better fulfill the technical needs of the students and bring the program in line with national standards.

PHAR-150 INTRO TO PHARMACOLOGY 3 Credits

This course is designed to provide an overview of pharmacologic principles with an emphasis on therapeutic drug classification. For each therapeutic drug classification, basic mechanism of drug actions, side effects, routes of administration, and common indications will be reviewed. Students will become familiar with common abbreviations and vocabulary terms related to drug therapy. Additionally, the course will prepare students to recognize the top 200 drugs (generic and brand name).

PHAR-152 ADVANCED PHARMACOLOGY 3 Credits

PHAR 152 is designed to teach students how to categorize commonly prescribed/dispensed oral and injectable drugs into their therapeutic drug classifications. Emphasis will be on the top 200 prescription drugs prescribed in the U.S. For each top 200 drug, the student will distinguish between generic and brand name, recognize common indications and identify available dosage forms, strengths, routes of administration, common dosing regimens, contraindications, side effect profiles, and significant drug interactions. As the therapeutic drug classifications are studied, human medical conditions (as related to anatomy and physiology) will be reviewed.

PHAR-161 EXTEMPORANEOUS COMPOUNDING & IV CERT 3 Credits

This course is designed to train pharmacy technicians in the latest practices and equipment used in extemporaneous compounding, sterile product preparation and aseptic technique. Upon successful completion of the course the Pharmacy technician will be eligible for Nation Certification through NPTA in IV/Sterile Products and Compounding.

PHAR-171 APPLIED PHARMACY TECHNOLOGY I 3 Credits

This course is designed to provide students with the background information and knowledge about pharmacy practice in a variety of settings including ambulatory, home care, and institutional pharmacy. Overviews of prescription processing and filling in both ambulatory and institutional settings will be covered. Students will develop entry skills for prescription interpretation and processing by completing both paper and electronic assignments. In addition to prescription processing, other topics that will be covered include the following: role of the pharmacist and the technician, dosage forms, routes of administration, drug/medical abbreviations, insurance billing, drug information, medication errors, purchasing and inventory control, computer technology, professionalism, and customer service. The knowledge base and skills developed in this course will focus toward preparing students for their first practicum experience.

PHAR-172 APPLIED PHARMACY TECHNOLOGY II 2 Credits

PHAR-172 continues to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary for competent performance of technical pharmacy tasks in institutional and ambulatory settings. Institutional pharmacy will be emphasized, especially sterile products preparation, pharmacy calculations, and unit dose drug distribution systems. Emphasis will also be on gaining competency (speed and accuracy) in filling ambulatory prescriptions. Extemporaneous compounding will be introduced with students completing basic compounding recipes. Students will develop skills by completing laboratory exercises. Prerequisite: PHAR-171.

PHAR-175 PHARMACY TECHNICIAN CERT EXAM PRER 1 Credit

This course is designed to prepare students for the National Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam. The course covers the major areas of focus for the national exam: assisting the pharmacist in serving patients, maintaining medication and inventory control systems, and participating in the administration and management of pharmacy practice. The course will also cover test taking techniques and strategies for success on the national exam.

PHAR-182 PHARMACY TECH PRACTICUM & SEMINAR I 5 Credits

This is a supervised pharmacy technician practice in a retail or institutional setting. Instruction and guidance are provided by the staff of participating pharmacies. Emphasis is on application of classroom content in the pharmacy setting. 190 hours of practicum. Prerequisite: PHAR-150 and PHAR-171.

PHAR-187 PHARMACY TECH PRACTICUM & SEMINAR II 5 Credits

This is a supervised pharmacy technician practice in a retail or institutional setting. Instruction and guidance are provided by the staff of participating pharmacies. Emphasis is on application of classroom content in the pharmacy setting. 190 hours of practicum Prerequisites: PHAR-152, PHAR-172, and PHAR-182.