



Suggested Schedule to Associate of Science with an emphasis in Computer Science

This pathway meets the requirements for the Pharmacy Technician certificate. This sample schedule assumes a fall start. If you wish to take alternate courses not listed below please meet with your program coordinator to confirm you're still meeting certificate requirements.

Before You Start

- Completion of [MATH/ABE 97](#) or equivalent or placement into MATH 98
- Completion of [ENGL/ABE 98](#) or equivalent or placement into ENGL& 101

To Do

- Complete North [admissions application](#).
- Attend New Student Orientation.
- Explore placement options: take the math and English placement tests if needed.
- Meet with your Health and Medical area of study advisor to discuss your goals.
- Transfer previous college credits to [North](#).
- Attend mandatory advising session (on campus or virtual) with program coordinator
- Apply for financial aid and follow up on application with the financial aid office.
- Visit [startnextquarter.org](#) to find out if Workforce Education funding is available for you.
- Submit admissions packet including:
 - Completion application.
 - Show proof of high school diploma or GED and be 18 years or older,
 - Proof of placement into English and math (such as college transcript).
 - Color copy of driver's license,
 - National Background check.
 - Obtain Pharmacy Assistant License through the state of Washington.
 - Pay \$35 application fee to the cashier's office.

Year One

Credits

Quarter 1

<input type="checkbox"/> AMA 117* Medical Terminology.....	5
<input type="checkbox"/> PHA 115 Orientation to Pharmacy Practice.....	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHA 120 Pharmacy Calculations	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHA 170 Pharmacy Records Management.....	5
<input type="checkbox"/> PHA 185 Pharmacy Law and Ethics	3

Quarter 2

<input type="checkbox"/> PHA 140 Sterile Products/Aseptic Techniques I.....	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHA 146 Communications in Pharmacy Practice.....	2
<input type="checkbox"/> PHA 150 Pharmacology I.....	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHA 160 Pharmacy Technology I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHA 180 Healthcare Systems, Insurance and Billing.....	2
<input type="checkbox"/> PHA 190 Pharmacy Technician Externship*	13
<input type="checkbox"/> PHA 191 Job Skills and National Exam Prep.....	1

Quarter 3

<input type="checkbox"/> PHA 130 Over the Counter Drugs	2
<input type="checkbox"/> PHA 141 Sterile Products/Aseptic Techniques II.....	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHA 151 Pharmacology II.....	2
<input type="checkbox"/> PHA 161 Pharmacy Technology II	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHA 190 Pharmacy Technician Externship*	

Quarter 1

- Obtain add codes to register from program coordinator.
- *Note: Recommended to take AMA 117 in quarter one, but can take prior to the program.
- Complete immunizations in preparation for externship (starting in quarter two).
- Begin creating your program portfolio.
- Contact the program coordinator for program tutor availability.
- Drop by the [Library](#) to get help with research; check out resources; access computers and study space; and create media projects.
- Check out campus life: student clubs, Equity & Welcome Center, Fitness Center, etc.

Quarter 2

- Include competencies, cover letter, and resume in your portfolio.
- Visit Career Services office in the OCE&E building to learn about career/job exploration, resources including LinkedIn
- Obtain add codes to register from program coordinator.
- Create a LinkedIn profile and clean up your online presence.
- Download Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) app on your phone to complete practice questions.
- Consider joining local and national pharmacy organizations (NPTA or WSPA).
- *Note: 13 credits needed between quarter two and three for externship course. Cumulative 432 hours.
- Apply for graduation for the Certificate in Pharmacy Technician with your assigned advisor.

Quarter 3

- Include competencies, cover letter, resume in your portfolio.
- Attend the Healthcare Career Fair in May.
- Add your classmates on LinkedIn to grow your network and stay in touch.
- Take the PTCB national exam as early as 30 days prior to graduation or after completing the program.
- *Note: 13 credits needed between quarter two and three for externship course. Cumulative 432 hours.
- Order cap and gown for commencement and join alumni association.
- Attend on-campus graduation fair and commencement ceremony.

Total Credits Required: 56

Pathway: Pharmacy Technician Certificate



About the Map

This pathway meets the requirements for the Pharmacy Technician certificate. Completion of this certificate opens doors to a variety of careers in various healthcare settings including hospitals, clinics, insurance companies, nursing homes, and compounding sites.

Students in this pathway develop skills in reading and processing prescriptions accurately, learning the top 100 prescription drugs and over the counter medicines, performing basic pharmacy calculations, making IVs and compound medications, billing pharmacy claims and navigating insurance plans, communicating with patients effectively and with empathy, and applying pharmacy and HIPPA laws to real life situations.

Career Opportunities

Opportunities include:

- Retail Pharmacy Technician
- IV Pharmacy Compounding Technician
- Medication Reconciliation Pharmacy Technician
- Long Term Care Pharmacy Technician
- Non Sterile Compounding Technician
- Insurance Company Pharmacy Technician
- Inventory Management Pharmacy Technician
- Investigational Drugs Pharmacy Technician
- Pharmacist*
- Physician Assistant*
- Registered Nurse*

*Additional training and education is required for some careers listed above.

For current employment and wage estimates, please visit and search at www.bls.gov/oes.

Approximate Costs Each Quarter

Tuition & fees for:

WA state residents.....	\$1555
International students.....	\$3298
Books, supplies, and miscellaneous fees	\$475

***Please note that these costs are estimates and may vary.**

Apply for Financial Aid and Other Funding

All students in need should apply for financial aid – do not assume you are not eligible! Visit <https://northseattle.edu/financial-aid> to learn more about the application steps and types of financial aid available, including grants and scholarships you don't have to pay back.

Some students may be eligible for Workforce Education tuition assistance programs depending on program of study, family income and family size, DSHS assistance, unemployment/employment status of self or spouse, or veteran status. Take this short survey to find out if you pre-qualify for funding at: www.StartNextQuarter.org.

Pharmacy Tech Job Requirements

Skills: active listening, attention to detail, clear communicator, comfortable working with the public, excellent customer service, problem solving ability, tolerant of stressful situations, and dependable.

State requirements for licensure include:

- 18 years of age
- Graduate from a Washington PQAC approved program
- Pass the PTCB exam

Which quarter can I begin?

Fall.

Length of Program

56 credits = 3 quarters if you take 18-19 credits each term.

Class Times/Delivery Format?

North offers pharmacy tech classes hybrid (part on campus, part on-line) in the day time one to two full weekdays.

Find Out More

Visit northseattle.edu/programs/pharmacy-technician to learn more about this pathway or contact Leann Dittmar, Program Coordinator, at leann.dittmar@seattlecolleges.edu or northseattle.edu/advising/contact or 206-934-3658.

Future Education Opportunities

Once you complete the certificate, additional education opportunities include:

- Associate of Applied Science degree in Pharmacy Technician
- Bachelor's degree in any field
Doctor of Pharmacy

North Seattle College has direct transfer agreements with four-year institutions throughout Washington state, including the University of Washington, Washington State University, and Seattle University.

Program and admissions requirements vary from college-to-college. Contact an advisor to create an educational plan tailored to transfer to the institution of your choice.