Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Pharmacy Technology

The Occupational Endorsement Certificate (OEC) in Pharmacy Technology prepares students to work as pharmacy technicians in a variety of settings. Students will also have a solid background to continue further study in the field of pharmacy.

All coursework associated with the program is offered exclusively in a distance-delivered, online learning format.

Licensure and/or Certification

The program is approved as a Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) Recognized Education/Training Program and prepares students to sit for the national PTCB examination, required for sustained employment as a pharmacy technician in the state of Alaska. Students should note that the state of Alaska requires that all pharmacy technicians be at least 18 years of age prior to licensure.

This program is designed to meet the educational requirements for professional licensure or certification in the State of Alaska. However, the program might not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure or certification in other states. Please see UAA’s Licensure and Certification website (https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/office-of-academic-affairs/licensure.cshtml/) for more information.

Admission Requirements

• Complete the Admission Requirements for Occupational Endorsement Certificate Programs (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/).

Graduation Requirements

• Complete the General University Requirements for Occupational Endorsement Certificates (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/oecrequirements/).
• Complete the following major requirements with a minimum grade of C:

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Total 16

A minimum of 16 credits is required for the degree.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with an Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Pharmacy Technology will be able to:

• Receive, screen and prepare prescription/medication orders, checking for completeness, authenticity and accuracy.
• Demonstrate understanding of proper procedures and calculations used for prescription processing and non-sterile compounding.
• Properly store, handle and dispose of pharmaceuticals while maintaining pharmacy equipment and facilities with appropriate standards.
• Participate in the process for detecting and preventing medication errors and notify the pharmacist when a problem or situation requires their attention.
• Communicate clearly and effectively with patients, customers, coworkers, and medical staff while maintaining confidentiality, compassion and professionalism.
• Understand Federal requirements for drug handling and disposal, controlled substance prescriptions, restricted drug programs and recalls.
• Demonstrate an understanding of medication generic names, brand names, classifications, dosage forms, interactions, contraindications, indications and side effects.