

**SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (STI)
PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM
TECHNICAL STANDARDS**

To assist in making a decision about pursuing this program, the following is a general overview of the physical requirements, working conditions and job duties of a Pharmacy Technician.

Pharmacy Technicians assist in drug preparation, drug storage, drug distribution, drug inventory, and required record keeping under the supervision of a Pharmacist. Pharmacy Technicians will have extensive communication with patients, family members, physicians, co-workers and other health care staff throughout their day to day duties. Successful Pharmacy Technicians are alert, observant, organized, and responsible. They must have a strong attention to details; as details are sometime a matter of life and death. Pharmacy Technicians may work in hospitals, community or retail pharmacies. They may be required to work various shifts to provide 24 hour coverage, including early morning, day, evening, and night shifts. Shifts may be 8, 10, or 12 hours in length. Pharmacy Technicians and student technicians must be able to tolerate physical (standing for long periods of time) and emotional stress (occasional high workload volumes or emergent orders) and continue to function effectively and compassionately with the sick and injured. The Pharmacy Technician must be able to work despite constant distractions from telephone calls from patients, physicians, health care professionals and other interruptions. Most hospital and retail pharmacies will require the employee to be a Certified Pharmacy Technician.

Pharmacy Technicians are expected to have the ability to:

- regularly talk and hear (frequently via telephone)
- regularly stand (up to 4 hours at a time or up to 6 hours or more hours per shift) and walk
- regularly use hands and fingers to handle and feel
- regularly communicate effectively via speech, reading, and writing
- regularly use high degree of hand-eye coordination to manipulate pharmaceutical equipment while simultaneously inputting data into a machine
- frequently lift up to 10 pounds, occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds
- frequently reach above shoulder level and reach with hands and arms
- occasionally bend, stoop, kneel, balance, climb (step ladders)

*Source: www.ptcb.org, www.bls.gov and local job descriptions

By signing below, I am acknowledging I have read the above information and understand the general physical requirements, working conditions and job duties typically associated with a Pharmacy Technician. I understand that this information is general in nature and that actual conditions and job duties may vary.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____