



# pharmacy technician

## Technical Diploma Program Code: 31-536-1 Total Credits: 35

Mid-State's Pharmacy Technician program provides hands-on learning that prepares students to assist licensed pharmacists in safely dispensing prescription medication. Graduates may work in hospital and retail pharmacies, nursing homes, and everywhere medications are prepared. In this program, you'll receive both lab and clinical experience in using pharmacy software to build patient profiles, as well as interpret and enter prescriptions. Core program courses are offered via video conference hosted by Lakeshore Technical College (LTC) and are supported by select classes available with Mid-State.

**Estimated tuition and fees:** [mstc.edu/programcosts](http://mstc.edu/programcosts)

### ACADEMIC ADVISOR

To schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, call 715.422.5300. Academic advisors will travel to other campuses as necessary to accommodate student needs. For more information about advising, visit [mstc.edu/advising](http://mstc.edu/advising).

### CHECKLIST:

This section will be completed when meeting with your academic advisor.

- FAFSA ([www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov))
- Financial Aid Form(s)  
Form(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Follow-Up Appointment:  
Where: \_\_\_\_\_  
When: \_\_\_\_\_  
With: \_\_\_\_\_
- Official Transcripts  
Mid-State Technical College  
Attention CPL Coordinator  
500 32nd Street North  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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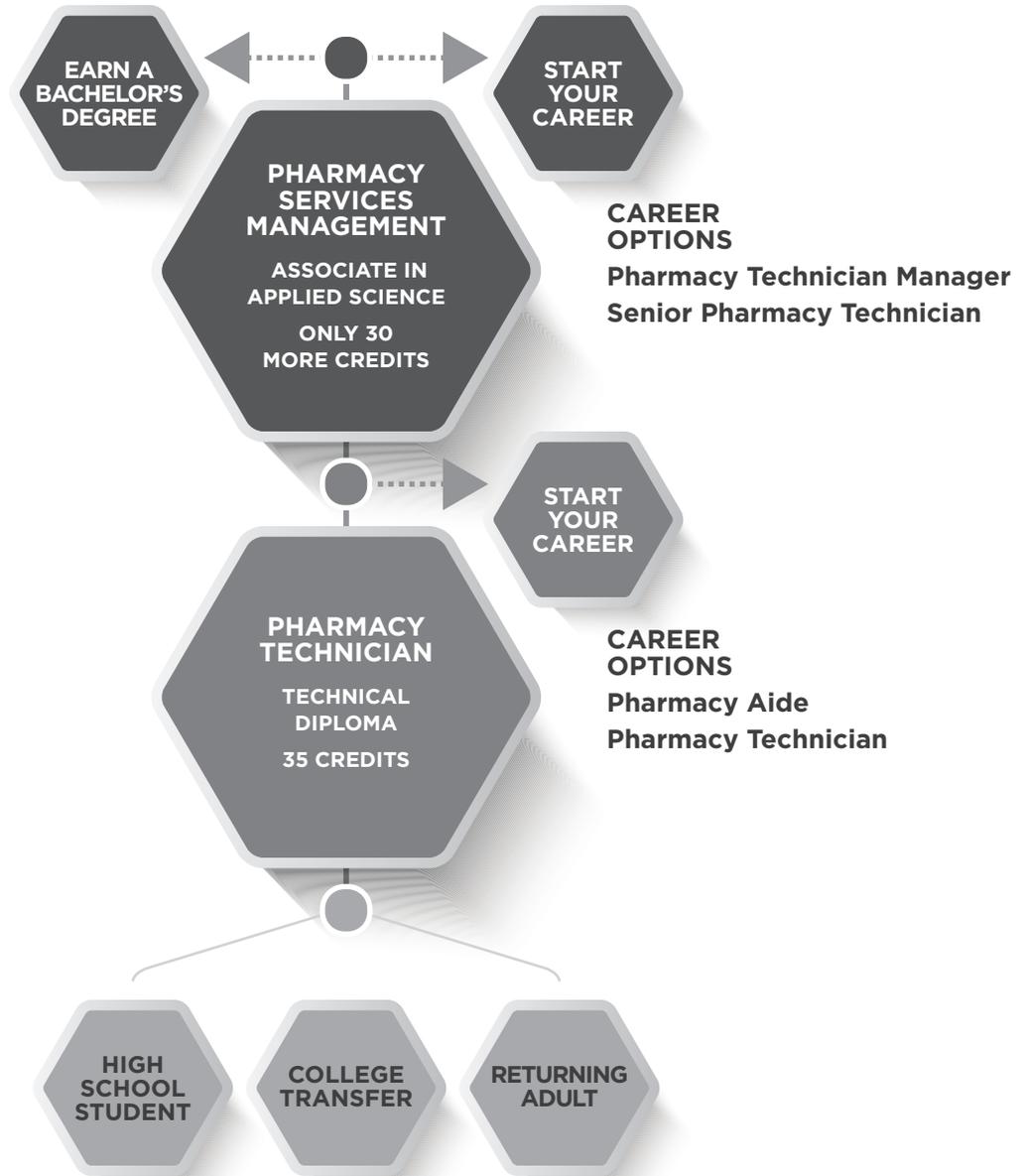
**MARSHFIELD CAMPUS**  
2600 West 5th Street  
Marshfield, WI 54449

**STEVENS POINT CAMPUS**  
1001 Centerpoint Drive  
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## OTHER OPTIONS

### RELATED PROGRAMS

- Central Service Technician
- Health Information Management
- Health & Wellness Promotion
- Medical Assistant
- Medical Coder
- Nursing
- Nursing Assistant
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Respiratory Therapist
- Surgical Technologist

## BEGIN AT ANY POINT IN THE PATHWAY



## ADDITIONAL COURSES AS NEEDED

The following courses may be recommended or required if the student does not achieve minimum Accuplacer scores.

### Intro to College Reading

**10838104 .....2 credits**

Provides learners with the opportunities to develop and expand reading skills, including comprehension and vocabulary skills. Learners apply reading skills to academic tasks and read to acquire information from a variety of sources.

### Intro to College Writing

**10831103 .....3 credits**

Introduces basic principles of composition, including organization, development, unity, and coherence in paragraphs and multi-paragraph documents. The purpose of this course is to prepare students for successful entry into required program courses. This course is tuition bearing and under certain circumstances may qualify for financial aid.

This course cannot be used to satisfy program completion requirements at Mid-State.

*Prerequisite: Accuplacer Sentence Skills score of 60 or equivalent. Proficiency in word processing skills recommended.*

### Pre-Algebra

**10834109 .....3 credits**

Provides an introduction to algebra. Includes operations on real numbers, solving linear equations, percent and proportion, and an introduction to polynomials and statistics. Prepares students for elementary algebra and subsequent algebra-related courses.

*Prerequisite: Accuplacer Math score of 65, Accuplacer Algebra score of 30, ABE Math Prep V 76854785 and ABE Math Prep VI 76854786 with a grade of "S." (Note: ABE Math Prep V and VI courses cannot be used to satisfy program completion requirements at Mid-State.)*

## SAMPLE FULL-TIME CURRICULUM OPTION

Term		18 credits
10501101	Medical Terminology	3
10501102	Health Insurance and Reimbursement	3
10536110	Pharmaceutical Calculations	3
10536113	Pharmacy Business Applications	3
10536115	Pharmacy Law	2
10536120	Fundamentals of Reading Prescriptions	1
10536122	Pharmacology	3

Term		17 credits
10536125	Pharmacy Drug Distribution Systems	2
10536126	Pharmacy Parenteral Admixtures	3
10801196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication	3
10809198	Intro to Psychology	3
10536138	Pharmacy Community Clinical	2
10536141	Pharmacy Computer Lab	2
10536143	Pharmacy Hospital Clinical	2

**Total Credits 35**

Please Note:

- This curriculum sequence is only for student planning. Actual student schedules will vary depending on course availability.
- Program completion time may vary based on student scheduling and course availability. For details, go to [mstc.edu/classfinder](http://mstc.edu/classfinder).

# course descriptions

## Fundamentals of Reading Prescriptions

**10536120..... 1 credit**

Prepares the learner to work in a community or hospital pharmacy by exploring the role of a pharmacy technician within the healthcare team, examining each step in the prescription filling process, and identifying the key top 200 drugs by brand and generic name and therapeutic class.

*Condition: 315361 Pharmacy Technician admission requirements met*

## Health Insurance and Reimbursement

**10501102 .....3 credits**

Introduces the learner to federal, state, and private health insurance plans and managed care systems. Surveys the coding, submission, and processing cycle of claims, as well as reimbursement methods used by payers. It provides application information to ambulatory settings, pharmacies, hospitals, and long-term care.

## Intro to Psychology

**10809198 .....3 credits**

This introductory course surveys the multiple aspects of human behavior. It involves a survey of the theoretical foundations of human functioning in such areas as learning, motivation, emotions, personality, deviance and pathology, physiological factors, and social influences. It directs the student to an insightful understanding of the complexities of human relationships in personal, social, and vocational settings.

*Prerequisite: High School GPA of 3.0 or Accuplacer Reading Skills of 236, Writing of 237 or ACT of 15 Reading/16 Writing. Students are encouraged to bring transcripts for further evaluation if they do not meet these requirements.*

## Medical Terminology

**10501101..... 3 credits**

Focuses on the component parts of medical terms: prefixes, suffixes, and word roots. Learners practice formation, analysis, and reconstruction of terms. Emphasizes spelling, definition, and pronunciation. Introduces operative, diagnostic, therapeutic, and symptomatic terminology of all body systems as well as systemic and surgical terminology.

## Oral/Interpersonal Communication

**10801196 .....3 credits**

Focuses upon developing speaking, verbal, and non-verbal communication, and listening skills through individual presentations, group activities, and other projects.

*Prerequisite: High School GPA of 3.0 or Accuplacer Reading Skills of 236, Writing of 237, or ACT of 15 Reading/16 Writing. Students are encouraged to bring transcripts for further evaluation if they do not meet these requirements.*

## Pharmaceutical Calculations

**10536110 .....3 credits**

Prepares the learner to enlarge and reduce formulas and solve proportions, dilutions, allegations, and other calculations pertinent to the preparation of pharmaceuticals using metric, apothecary, avoirdupois, and household measuring systems.

*Condition: 315361 Pharmacy Technician or 195316 Employed Pharmacy Technician admission requirements met*

## Pharmacology

**10536122 .....3 credits**

Enhances the learner's ability to act and react appropriately in the pharmacy by learning how drugs work through examination of the anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, and drug therapy for each of the major systems.

*Condition: 315361 Pharmacy Technician or 195361 Employed Pharmacy Technician admissions requirements met*

## Pharmacy Business Applications

**10536113.....3 credits**

Prepares the learner to utilize pharmaceutical business terminology, procedures, customer service, record keeping, purchasing procedures, inventory control systems, pricing, merchandising, reference materials, ethics, roles, responsibilities, and relationships with patients and coworkers.

*Condition: 315361 Pharmacy Technician program requirements met*

## Pharmacy Community Clinical

**10536138 .....2 credits**

Provides hands-on experience in a community pharmacy for 108 hours during term two. Areas of instruction include interpretation of prescriptions, entering prescriptions on computer, patient profiles, correctly filling and labeling prescriptions, billing patient and third parties, customer service, over-the-counter medications, purchasing, checking in deliveries, inventory control, compounding, and patient confidentiality.

*Prerequisites: 10536110 Pharmaceutical Calculations, 10536120 Fundamentals of Reading Prescriptions, 10501102 Health Insurance & Reimbursement, 10536113 Pharmacy Business Applications; Corequisite: 10536141 Pharmacy Computer Lab; Condition: 315361 Pharmacy Technician program requirements met*

## Pharmacy Computer Lab

**10536141.....2 credits**

Expands the learner's ability to enter prescription orders and familiarizes learner with a variety of pharmacy software features, including updating pharmacy databases, running reports, and billing. This course is offered in a self-paced format.

*Prerequisites: 10536120 Fundamentals of Reading Prescriptions and Condition 315361 Pharmacy Technician admissions requirements met*

## Pharmacy Drug Distribution Systems

**10536125 .....2 credits**

Is an introductory study of the basic drug distribution systems used in community and institutional pharmacies, including automation technology, pharmacist and pharmacy technician roles, and dispensing considerations.

*Condition: 315361 Pharmacy Technician admission requirements met*

## **Pharmacy Hospital Clinical**

**10536143.....2 credits**

Provides the learner with the skills to prepare parenteral admixtures, fill medication carts and unit-dose drawers, control inventory, package medications, and maintain patient records in the hospital setting.

*Prerequisites: 10536110 Pharmacy Calculations and Corequisite: 10536139 Pharmacy Community Clinical, 10536126 Pharmacy Parenteral Admixtures and 10536141 Pharmacy Computer Lab and Condition 315361 Pharmacy Technician admissions requirements met*

## **Pharmacy Law**

**10536115.....2 credits**

Introduces the learner to federal and state regulations that apply to pharmacy practice.

*Condition: 315361 Pharmacy Technician or 195361 Employed Pharmacy Technician admissions requirements met*

## **Pharmacy Parenteral Admixtures**

**10536126.....3 credits**

Provides the learner with the skills to utilize aseptic technique in vertical and horizontal laminar flow hoods for preparation of solutions and medications to be administered intravenously, intramuscularly, subcutaneously, and intradermally to patients.

*Prerequisite: 10536110 Pharmaceutical Calculations and Condition: 315361 Pharmacy Technician or 195361 Employed Pharmacy Technician admission requirements met*