

## **What is a Pharmacy Technician?**

Pharmacy technicians assist licensed pharmacists as they provide medication and other health care products to patients. Pharmacy technicians measure medication, maintain patient records and assist patients in hospitals, community pharmacies, outpatient clinics, pharmaceutical companies and assisted living facilities. Professionalism, effective communication skills and attention to detail are essential components of working as a Certified Pharmacy Technician.

## **More About our Course**

This course is designed to provide students the necessary training to become successful pharmacy technicians. In addition, this course will prepare students to obtain pharmacy certification from the National Healthcareer Association as well as an official license through the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy.

Students will learn how to:

- utilize appropriate health and safety procedures (accurately handling and preparing sterile products and prescriptions)
- apply fundamental understanding of anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, medical terminology, math, and common disease states
- apply basic understanding of merchandising in the daily performance of pharmaceutical services
- recognize and handle all aspects of managed care prescriptions
- recognize practice limitations and follow legally accepted procedures and responsibilities when qualified and authorized by pharmacists in accurately filling prescriptions
- adhere to legal considerations in the performance of all pharmaceutical services
- provide clear and appropriate communication to patients and healthcare personnel
- proficiently and skillfully use computers and other technology to achieve pharmacy objectives