



 **Pharmacy Technician Academy**
(A Claude Moore Scholars Program)

Student Application 2023-2024



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Student Profile and Application Checklist

(To be completed by the counselor. Return as cover to student application.)

Student Name: _____ **Student ID:** _____

Grade: _____ **Counselor Name:** _____

Required Artifacts For This Application:

- Student Profile and Checklist
- Student Application Page
- Writing Prompt
- Transcript
- Teacher Recommendation (Science, Math, or Health & Medical Sciences Teacher)

Student Profile:

Course	Final Grade	SOL Score (if available)
Chemistry (may be concurrent with Pharmacy Technician)		
Algebra II		
English 9		
English 10		
Intro to Health and Medical Science		
Anatomy and Physiology (may be concurrent with Pharmacy Technician)		
Nurse Aide I/II		

GPA Data: *Include a transcript and current grade report (1st Semester)* _____

Attendance Current Year: (First Semester) Tardies _____ Absences _____

Industry Credentials Earned: _____



Pharmacy Technician Academy

Program Overview:

The Frederick County Public Schools Pharmacy Technician Academy is a one-year program for seniors only and is taught at Shenandoah University's Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy and James Wood High School. Competitive applications are accepted in the school division office of Career and Technical Education. Up to eight students from each high school will be selected by committee to participate in the program based on the application. All students enrolled in the program are considered Claude Moore Scholars as the program is supported by the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation.

Pharmacy technicians are critical members of the healthcare team and are essential to providing patients with safe and effective medication therapy. A pharmacy technician works closely with pharmacists and other healthcare professionals in diverse settings such as hospitals, clinics, and community pharmacies. Technicians perform vital functions to support the patient care efforts of the pharmacy team with roles and responsibilities that continue to expand and evolve.

Program Requirements:

The program is seeking national accreditation through the American Society of Health System Pharmacists® (ASHP®) as required by Virginia Code, and there are specific program requirements that must be met. Accepted students will register as pharmacy technician trainees with the State of Virginia and complete the year-long program that includes 140 hours of unpaid field experiences for which students will have to provide their own transportation. Drug screenings and criminal background checks are also required.

Students who complete all coursework and field experiences of 140 hours will receive 2.5 credits. With parental and principal permission, students may be released early from school to participate in field experiences in an approved pharmacy location; however it is expected that at least some of those hours will be outside of the school day including weekends.

After passing the official practice test, students are eligible to take a national pharmacy technician exam approved by the Virginia Board of Pharmacy and Virginia Department of Education as long as the student has NOT graduated. The demand for licensed pharmacy technicians remains high, so job prospects are good in Virginia and the local area.

Students who wish to take the course, but not register as a pharmacy technician trainee and complete field experiences or test, may be eligible to take the course if there are seats available. Fees still apply.

Transportation:

Transportation is provided to Shenandoah University and/or James Wood High School from each high school via shuttle bus. Alternate transportation may only be approved by Shenandoah University in conjunction with the school principal and parent/guardian.

Cost:

A class fee is associated with this program. FCPS supplements costs not covered by class fees including coating, drug and criminal background screenings, testing, and consumable supplies.

Application Requirements and Action Items:

- Complete this application and work with your counselor to ensure all artifacts are included prior to submission. Recommendation should be from a math, science, or health & medical sciences teacher.
- Applicants must be a senior in high school 17 years of age before experiential hours begin in October.
- Applicants must be proficient in reading, writing and speaking the English language as determined by successful completion of English 9 and English 10.
- Accepted students must not have been convicted of or found guilty of any crime, offense or regulatory violation, or participated in any other prohibited conduct identified as unacceptable by the School Board. Background checks will be initiated by the CTE Supervisor after student acceptance into the program and communicate with students via email before school starts.
- Accepted students must not be under the influence of any drugs or intoxicating substances that impairs ability to perform while in class or in field experiences. **Students must have a negative drug screen to register as a trainee, participate in field experiences and coating ceremony, and sit for the final exam per site and state regulations.**
- CTE Supervisor will send students email notification of drug screening and background check process before school begins. Students who do not participate or who do not pass screenings may be removed from the program.
- Accepted students must register with the Board of Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician trainee with assistance of an instructor.
- Applicants must complete field experiences as assigned; students will need to provide their own transportation. Contact your instructor or the office of CTE if you have questions.
- Accepted students must attend class each session as required.
- Accepted students must use Frederick County Public Schools Transportation to and from Shenandoah University or James Wood High School as scheduled unless alternative arrangements are approved by Shenandoah University, home school principal, and parent/guardian.



**Frederick County Public Schools
Pharmacy Technician Academy
2023-2024 Student Application**

Due By March 1 to CTE Office via Counselor*

Complete your application legibly in ink or type.

High School: _____ Counselor Name: _____

Name of Applicant _____
Last First Middle Nickname (if any)

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Student I.D. Number: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone Number () _____ Work Numbers () _____ () _____

Parent Email(s) _____

Student School Email: _____ Student Personal Email: _____

Name of high school math, science, or health & medical teacher who will complete a recommendation:

Teacher Name/Subject Area: _____ / _____

The decision to apply to the Pharmacy Technician Academy is my own, and I want to participate fully in the program. The responses contained on all application documents are my own work.

Date

Applicant Signature

I, the parent/guardian of the student above, am aware of and in support of the student's application to the Pharmacy Technician Academy and give permission for the student's academic records to be reviewed by school personnel.

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Administrator or Counselor Signature

**Frederick County Public Schools
Pharmacy Technician Academy
2023-24 Student Application**

Written Component

Name: _____ Student Number: _____

High School: _____ Current Grade: _____

The written component of this application consists of your response to the writing prompt listed below. Please write legibly on lined paper or use a word processing program and attach your responses to this sheet. Your response will be judged on how well you answer the prompt as well as your writing style. Write legibly in ink or use a word processing program.

Prompt 1

Tell us about yourself including why you are seeking acceptance to the Pharmacy Technician Academy in Frederick County Public Schools. How will your participation in this program assist you in meeting your post-secondary career goals?

**Frederick County Public Schools
Pharmacy Technician Academy
Teacher Form for Student Application
(Science or Math Teacher)**

This box is to be completed by the applicant before the form is presented to the teacher (current or past year).

Student Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Applicant Signature Date Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Teacher Reference Directions:

- Check one box for each criterion, using the following rating scale: **BA** – Below Average **A** – Average **E** – Excellent (Top 10%) **O** – Outstanding (top 5% - one of the best I've ever encountered)
- Mark one box for each criterion. DO NOT mark between two categories.
- Add comments in the indicated space below.
- **Sign, date, and seal recommendation in envelope and return to Counselor.**

Teacher Name (Print) _____ Date: _____

School: _____ Subject(s), Grade Level(s) and Date(s) you taught applicant _____

Criteria	BA	A	E	O
1. Motivation and Initiative: <i>Curious, shows initiative</i>				
2. Communication with Peers: <i>Demonstrates sensitivity, respect for others and opposing viewpoints, shares ideas, accepts criticism</i>				
3. Dependability: <i>Consistent, discipline, supports others, works safely</i>				
4. Perseverance: <i>Demonstrates sustained commitment to problem-solving</i>				
5. Class Participation: <i>Participates fully in laboratory work and discussions</i>				
6. Class Preparation: <i>Completes class assignments</i>				
7. Academic Ability: <i>High potential for success</i>				
8. Quality of Work: <i>Completed to the best of the student's ability</i>				
9. Logical Thinking and Questioning				
10. Independence: <i>Demonstrates the ability to work/solve challenging problems or complete tasks</i>				
11. Ability to synthesize and apply knowledge				
(For selection committee use only)				

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Reference 1 continued

Explain why you think this student is an excellent candidate for this program.

What support do you think this student will need to ensure success in this program?

Teacher Signature

Date: