

**IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE DISTRICT
REVIEW OF CAREER EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAMS
2019**

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

I. Program Description

The Pharmacy Technician program prepares the student for the national certification exam and for entry level work as a pharmacy technician. A pharmacy technician helps the licensed pharmacist prepare prescriptions, medications, provides customer services, and performs administrative duties. Pharmacy technicians generally are responsible for receiving prescription requests, preparing the prescription, preparing sterile solutions, counting medications, and administrative duties such as answering the phone, stocking shelves, or operating a cash register. Career roles may be in a retail or mail-order pharmacy; a hospital or nursing home; and an assisted-living facility or penal system.

A. Degree
Associate in Science, Pharmacy Technician

B. Certificate
Certificated of Achievement, Pharmacy Technician

II. Career Opportunities

Pharmacy Technician

III. Labor Market Demand

The Pharmacy Technician program at Imperial Valley College meets a documented labor market demand. Employment trends for this field are derived from a variety of sources. These are listed below:

A. Employment Trends (Employment Development Department):

Occupation	TOP Code	SOC Code	Average Job Openings per Year
Pharmacy Technician	1221.00	292052	3

*Center of Excellence Imperial County Regional Labor Market Assessment 2016

IV. Other Regional Programs

Central Union High School Adult School.

V. Employment (Perkins Core Indicator)

Job Placement
2016-2017
68%

VI. Completions/Success

	Degrees		Certificates	
	2017-2018	2018-2019	2017-2018	2018-2019
Pharmacy Technician	23	22	29	40

VII. Program Evaluation (to be completed by EWD office)

The program has a strong number of program completers. However, labor market information shows very limited job opportunities for students. Additionally, Central Union School Adult school also provides a Pharmacy Tech program graduating adult student on an average of 17 per year. The duplication of services and limited job opportunities suggest that the program be considered for termination. A review process for termination will be started in Fall 2019 pursuant to board policy which will include a further review of employment data and job opportunities with local industry representatives.