



Pharmacy Technician Application Packet

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Last, First, MI (please print legibly)

CMU Student I.D.- 700 #

Pharmacy Technician Application Checklist

STEP 1:

- ❑ **NOTE:** Current Colorado Mesa University (CMU) and CMU Tech college students please disregard this step and move to the next one.

New students, create an account and complete the CMU Tech Application for Admission at: <https://go.coloradomesa.edu/apply/>.

On the application for admission, you should select either *Entry-Level Pharmacy Technician (Technical Certificate)* or *Pharmacy Technician (AAS)* as your major.

- Request an official copy of high school transcripts, or G.E.D. scores, and request official college transcripts from all previous colleges attended and have them sent from that school directly to CMU. If the school is sending the transcripts via email, please have them sent to:

admissionsprocessing@coloradomesa.edu
- A GPA of 2.0 or above is required for admission. Proof of English and Math proficiency is required for admission into the pharmacy technician program. Refer to Appendix A for additional information.

STEP 2:

If you are a resident of the state of Colorado, apply for the College Opportunity Fund here:

<https://www.coloradomesa.edu/cof/index.html>

STEP 3:

Complete a request for a background check and a 10-panel drug screen online at <http://cmutechbackground.com/>. Follow the numbered steps. After you create your login and get started, you will need to enter the following identifying information-

- Institution: CMU Tech
- Campus: Grand Junction
- Program: Pharmacy Technician
- Select: Grand Junction Pharm Tech Package for \$21.50 (\$7.50 processing fee is added to this later) **AND** 10-Panel Drug Screen for \$40.00.

- Students **MUST SELECT: Labcorp located at 2764 Compass Dr., GJ** as their site for drug screening.
- Incoming Concurrent High School Tech Scholars: Select “Invoice by Approval” for your payment type
- Post-Secondary Students will pay by credit card

***Depending on how many states you have lived in the last 7 years or if you have any aliases (maiden name, other name change, etc.) this amount can increase. Results will be sent directly to the school’s Pharmacy Technician Program Director, and you can opt for it to be emailed to you as well.*

- **Marijuana Policy: THC (marijuana) is part of the required 10-panel drug screen prior to admittance into the CMU Tech Pharmacy Technician Program. The passage of Amendment 64 in the State of Colorado does not overrule Federal law, which states this is still an illegal substance. Students testing positive for THC (marijuana, including prescription marijuana) will not be allowed entrance or re-entrance into the Pharmacy Technician Program.**

STEP 4:

Complete the *Pharmacy Technician Program Application* page including your CMU student ID number (700#) that will be issued upon acceptance to the school.

STEP 5:

Complete the *Student Attestation of Competence* Form

STEP 6:

Submit ALL the following documents together to avogel@coloradomesa.edu (*send ALL items at one time, retain a copy for your records):

- Pharmacy Technician Program Application page, including 700#
- Student Attestation of Competence form

*After review of the completed information above, you will be given permission to register in Pharmacy Technician Program classes.

Additional Information

*All students must pass all their Pharmacy Technician courses with a “C” or better to graduate from the program.

*Students must be 18 years old by the start of the PHTE 170 course, no exceptions

* Students must obtain a Provisional Certificate from the State Board of Pharmacy before being eligible for clinical placement. The fee for this is \$57 and must be paid for at the time of application. Visit <https://dpo.colorado.gov/Pharmacy> for a complete list of requirements for eligibility. Students who are determined ineligible for a state certificate will be ineligible for program completion and graduation.

*Prior to the first day of clinical rotations (PHTE 170), ALL students are required to undergo a second background check and 10-panel drug screening before being allowed to participate in their externship course.

*Proof of the following immunizations (any/all) may be required for clinical externships:

- Hepatitis B- series of 3
- Influenza (Fall externships only)
- MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)- 2 doses
- Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)- within past 10 years
- Varicella (chicken pox)- 2-dose vaccine or positive history of chickenpox (positive titer)
- TB PPD 2-step- 2 separate TB skin tests are required from a healthcare provider within the last year and must be completed at least 1 to 3 weeks apart. Acceptable in place of the 2 skin tests, is a TB blood test.
- COVID (Declination forms are considered by some clinical sites)

*After program completion, you will need to register for and take your National Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) to become a nationally certified pharmacy technician and apply for a Colorado State License. (approximately \$135 as of 2024) Your instructor will review more information on this during your classes. All students are personally responsible for this expense.

*ALL classes are held in person. These classes are NOT offered online.

Background Check & Drug Screen Requirements

The clinical sites used in the pharmacy technician program require background checks of all potential interns, in addition to drug screens. The purpose is to maintain a safe and productive educational and clinical environment. Additionally, this is a standard requirement for all employment in the pharmacy career field and will be essential to obtaining a job. New students who refuse to comply with the background investigation will not be allowed to enter the CMU Tech Pharmacy Technician Program

Students who fail testing will not be admitted to the Pharmacy Technician Program. All background check and drug testing information are kept confidential.

An applicant will be disqualified from the pharmacy program based on the following guidelines:

- Felony convictions for violent felonies, including but not limited to homicide or sexual offense. (No time limit)
- Felony convictions for drug use, possession, or distribution in the seven (7) years immediately preceding enrollment in the program.
- Other felony convictions with seven (7) years.
- Violent misdemeanor convictions in the five (5) years immediately preceding enrollment in the program.
- Nonviolent misdemeanor convictions in the five (5) years immediately preceding enrollment in the program.
- The following crimes will result in automatic disqualification:
 - Any offense involving unlawful sexual behavior.
 - Any crime of child abuse, as defined in C.R.S. 18-6-401
 - Crimes of moral turpitude (prostitution, public lewdness/exposure, etc)
 - Any offense in another state, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of any of the above offenses.
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- Crimes of moral turpitude (prostitution, public lewdness/exposure, etc)
- Any offense in another state, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of any of the above offenses.

If the investigation reveals information that could be relevant to the application, the designated individual responsible for background checks may request additional information from the applicant. The offense shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

In addition to the current Drug Screen & Criminal Record Check policies:

Although possession and use of marijuana both recreationally and for certain medical conditions consistent with the requirements of the Colorado Constitution is no longer a crime in the State of Colorado, the possession and use of marijuana remains illegal under federal law. Consistent with federal law, including the Controlled Substances Act and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, the use and/or possession of marijuana continue to be prohibited while a student is on campus, including any time the student is in a clinical experience or representing the College.

Effective March 2020, all pharmacy technicians will be required to be state certified to practice in the pharmacy. This applies to enrolled students while completing their clinical rotations as well. Students must obtain a Provisional Certificate from the State Board of Pharmacy before being eligible for clinical placement. The fee for this is \$57 and must be paid for at the time of application. Visit <https://dpo.colorado.gov/Pharmacy> for a complete list of requirements for eligibility. Students who are determined ineligible for a state certificate will be ineligible for program completion and graduation.

For questions on the program or this secondary application contact:

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Pharmacy Technician Program Application

Today's Date: ____/____/____

Full Legal Name: _____

Last

First

Middle Initial

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ CMU I.D. (700#): _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

Address

City, State, Zip

Current Mailing Address (if different than above):

Address

City, State, Zip

CMU email address: _____@mavs.coloradomesa.edu

Cell #: _____

Alternate #: _____

Do you have any previous healthcare experience? YES NO If yes, please explain:

Briefly describe why you want to be a pharmacy technician:

Student Attestation of Competence

*To be completed by the student

Applicants must complete this attestation form as required for admission to the CMU Tech Pharmacy Technician Program.

Failure to complete the form will result in forfeiture of placement in the program.

The applicant must affirm, by initialing and signing, that they understand a student must be able to perform the listed essential fundamental duties with or without reasonable accommodation to participate in the clinical/lab courses for the Pharmacy Technician program.

Professional Competencies

- _____ 1. Must demonstrate critical thinking and exercise good judgement in the classroom and clinical environment.
- _____ 2. Demonstrate self-regulation and commitment to professional behavior.
- _____ 3. Must collaborate professionally with all members of the health care team and academic community.

Physical Duties

- _____ 1. Mobility: must ambulate, bend, stoop, reach, and stand for long periods of time.
- _____ 2. Fine motor skills: perform skilled procedures as directed and manipulate accessory equipment (example: needles, syringes, IV bags, laminar airflow hood, specialty equipment/devices).
- _____ 3. Speech: must be able to communicate clearly and effectively.
- _____ 4. Vision: must have sufficient vision (with or without correction) to perform required duties.
- _____ 5. Hearing: must have sufficient hearing (with or without hearing devices) to perform required duties.

If you will need a reasonable accommodation to perform any of the above listed fundamental duties, contact avogel@coloradomesa.edu

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Printed Name: _____

APPENDIX A

ASHP Accreditation Standard 11.3b and 11.3c: EFFECTIVE for 2024-2025 Program Enrollments

For high school students applying to participate concurrently in our program:

All students must furnish their most recent high school transcripts. A minimum high school cumulative GPA of 2.0 is mandatory. Additionally, a grade of "C" or higher in both 9th and 10th-grade English classes, and Algebra I is required.

For post-secondary students applying to our program:

A GPA of 2.0 or above is required for admission.

GED scores: 165 or better in Math and Language Arts and 145 or better in Science and Social Studies

English Proficiency

SAT- Reading/Writing: 470 or Higher

ACT English: 18 or higher

Accuplacer- Writing: 246-300

2.0 GPA or better in all high school English courses

Math Placement

Placement into college level Math courses is determined by standardized test scores or the [ALEKS Math Assessment](#). Acceptable test scores cannot be more than three years old. The ALEKS Math Assessment score is used by your program director to determine math proficiency. An ALEKS score of 46 or above is required to enroll in PHTE 235.

Do I need to take the ALEKS Math Assessment?

If any of the following apply to you, you will need to take the ALEKS Math Assessment.

- Your standardized test scores fall below the following:

ACT	SAT
19	540

- Your test scores are 3 years old.

You must take the ALEKS Math Assessment if your standardized test scores are 3 years or older.

You did not complete standardized tests in high school.

If you have not taken the standardized tests listed above, you must take the ALEKS Math Assessment.