

Pharmacy Technician Training Opportunity

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Have your students considered a career as a pharmacy technician? Or are they interested in working as a pharmacy technician during college as they continue their healthcare training?

- During this school year, 2013-14, we want to identify high school juniors that are interested in pharmacy technician training.
- DIAL Virtual School is offering a Pharmacy Technician pilot program to twenty seniors at a reduced cost during the 2014-15 school year. Students would participate in a rigorous, online, year-long curriculum and be eligible to sit for the National Technician Certification exam.
- To learn more, Dianne Rider is available to visit your classroom or counseling office. Contact her at dianne.rider@k12.sd.us or 605-881-3975.

Facts to consider:

- Pharmacy technicians earn \$14.00 per hour median wage and \$10.00 starting wage. Job outlook opportunities are excellent.
- As of July 1, 2014 pharmacy technicians will be required to be registered by the SD Board of Pharmacy. To be registered the student must have graduated from high school and have passed the National Technician Certification exam.
- Pharmacy technicians perform a variety of duties in a pharmacy under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist, including receiving prescription requests, counting tablets, labeling bottles, maintaining patient profiles, preparing insurance claim forms, and performing administrative functions such as answering phones, stocking shelves, and operating cash registers.