PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

A student who has completed the Job Corps Pharmacy Technician program is equipped with the skills to contribute to the workplace as a valued employee from day one. Competence in academic and vocational skills is required for graduation. In addition, Job Corps students learn employability and technological skills. To complete his or her Pharmacy Technician training, a student must master skills in these categories:

CULTURALLY DIVERSE PATIENTS/CUSTOMERS

Explain the need to adapt the pharmaceutical care plan for patients of diverse cultural backgrounds; describe some typical adaptations made in pharmaceutical care plans to accommodate patients of diverse cultural backgrounds.

TECHNICIAN AND OTHER PHARMACY ORGANIZATIONS

Explain the benefits of obtaining technician certification and the process to become a certified pharmacy technician.

KEEPING KNOWLEDGE CURRENT

Explain the necessity for technicians to stay current with advances in pharmacy practice; discuss resources (i.e. journals, newsletters, educational conferences) for staying current with advances in pharmacy practice (i.e. automation, drug therapy, devices).

PHARMACEUTICAL CARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS

Explain the roles of acute and non-acute care systems in delivering pharmaceutical care (i.e. ambulatory and/or community, home care, long-term care).

DRUGS AND COMMON DISEASES

Explain the uses and side effects of prescription and nonprescription drugs commonly used to treat diseases affecting the cardiovascular, respiratory, gastrointestinal, renal, nervous, endocrine, reproductive, immune, skeletal (bones and joints), dermatologic, hematologic and muscular systems; explain the uses and side effects of prescription and nonprescription drugs commonly used to treat disorders of the eyes, ears, nose and throat.

MATH SKILLS

Discuss the real number system, operations on polynomial expressions containing variables, word problems, specials products and factoring; discuss operations on rational expressions, solution sets of equations and inequalities in one variable.