

**2015-2016**  
**Annual-End-of-Year Committee Report**  
**Pharmacy Technician**

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**Dates of meetings:**

November 11, 2015

April 14, 2016

**Accomplishments:**

Promotional video made for the Pharmacy Technician program paid for by Perkins funding was viewed by the Advisory Board.

Mandatory drug testing for pharmacy technician students prior to practicum will be implemented this Spring and was added to the practicum packet, application packet and Pharmacy Technician Student Handbook.

The pharmacy technician advisory board voted to change the certificate program to a level 2 certificate program with a minimum of 30 hours. This will allow us to continue having testing as requirement for acceptance into the program. . The decision for the following classes was based upon results found from the recent changes in the national test, PTCB certification exam. We will be adding an Intro to Pharmacy (alleviating some of the course work from Community and Institutional Pharmacy practice), Drug Classification (allowing the students more exposure to pharmacology) and Pharmacy Third Party Billing (allowing more in-depth concepts of third party billing). This will change our contact hours from 912 to 1120 and increasing credit hours from 24 to 30 hours. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> vote on the curriculum change, degree plan, and course additions.

Program Statistics: The program had 9 graduates, with 6 students being placed in pharmacy positions. Enrollment or Fall was with 12 students, 11 females and 1 male.

The strategic plan for Vernon College, requirements for admission to program, and successful completion of program were reviewed and voted for approval.

Program Goal and Outcomes were reviewed and updated to comply with ASHP accreditation requirements along with SACS and THECB standards.

Reviewed and updated Vernon College Program Outcomes, General Education Outcomes, and SCANS Matrices. These documents map program outcomes to the individual program courses. All three documents were approved.

Experiential training sites were reviewed and voted for approval, with some sites needing contact information updated (phone, address).

Verification course/exam of workplace competencies were reviewed and voted for approval.

Reviewed current pharmacy technician handbook (2015-16). Updates this summer will include the curriculum changes from Fall meeting, fee updates, testing requirements, and dates.

Evaluated facilities, equipment and technology. A new medication packaging machine was purchased in March and will be used in the upcoming school year. This machine will help supply program and save money from supply budget line.

Reviewed employment and placement opportunities for students, which have been very good as 8 or 10 students for current class have been offered or have accepted employment.

Professional development of faculty and adjunct faculty was discussed, stating Katrina Brasuell, program Coordinator and Lisa Pickett, adjunct instructor will be attending Annual TSHP Meeting April 22-24 in Frisco, TX.

Reviewed promotion and publicity (recruiting and gender equity).

Reviewed serving students from special populations.

**Recommendations:**

A recommendation was made that a time limit on testing for national test be implemented. Also discussed whether the vouchers will be given to students until they have passed practice PTCB exam, to ensure student is thoroughly prepared to pass exam, following the same guidelines that the ADN program uses.

**Membership suggestions:**

The committee suggested that the curriculum address the changing roles of Pharmacy Technicians, focusing on jobs that will be added to the technician roles, such as medication reconciliation, MTM (Medication Therapy Management), vaccinations, investigational drugs and insurance billing. With the addition of the new courses, most of these topics can be addressed and added to curriculum.

**Agendas, exhibits and minutes posted to Vernon College web site address:**

<http://www.vernoncollege.edu/CollegeEffectiveness/Committees.aspx>

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April 14, 2016