Job Description
The Pharmacy Technician is a healthcare paraprofessional. Working under the direction and supervision of a licensed pharmacist, the technician performs those tasks associated with the preparation and distribution of medication such as:

Hospital Setting
- Prepare sterile intravenous (IV) admixtures
- Fill and deliver patient medication carts
- Prepackage unit dose medications
- Fill and maintain automated dispensing technologies
- Stock and retrieve various pharmaceutical inventory

All Settings
- Create and maintain patient profiles and medication records
- Transcribe medication orders and/or prescriptions
- Calculate medication dosages, charges, billings, etc.
- Triage workflows
- Fill and label prescription orders
- Prepares and processes billings and other pharmaceutical claims
- Answer telephone, email, fax, and in-person inquiries
- Order, maintain, and stock various pharmaceutical inventory
- Provide customer/patient-care services

Career Opportunities
The one-year Pharmacy Technology program offered on the College of Southern Nevada’s West Charleston Campus leads to a Certificate of Achievement and prepares students for employment in various fields of practice including:

- Hospital pharmacy
- Retail pharmacy
- Mail order service
- Home IV therapy
- Pharmaceutical manufacturing and sales

Program Description
Once accepted into the program, the program course work is completed in two semesters. Students receive both on-line and classroom instruction and directed work experience in pharmacies to develop the technical, procedural, and functional skills necessary for pharmacy practice. Experienced, practicing pharmacy staff provide didactic instruction and clinical work site training, supervision, and evaluation. The 1st semester will consist of both online and classroom instruction. The 2nd semester, in addition to online and classroom instruction, will also consist of onsite clinical work experience. Each student is required to satisfactorily pass a pre-placement assessment before being permitted to conduct clinical rotations during the 2nd semester.

Approximate Salary
Hourly Wage Range .................................................... $11.42 – $22.53
Median Hourly Wage .................................................... $16.33
Source: “Nevada 2014 OES Wage Data”
www.nevadaworkforce.com

Approximate Costs
Tuition:
39 credits X $90.00 per credit hour ......................... $3510.00
Books.................................................................$575.00
Lab Fees.............................................................$50.00 - $150.00
Uniforms..............................................................$50.00 - $75.00
CPR Certification .....................................................$50.00 - $75.00
Physical Exam .......................................................$50.00 - $75.00
Drug Screen ..........................................................$30.00
Background Screen ...................................................$50.00
TB Test .................................................................$25.00
Medical Insurance .................................................$20.00 - $250.00/month
License:
NV State Board License .........................................$40.00
One time, non-refundable fee charged to new students only.
Student ID Card .......................................................$2.00
Non-Resident Fee .................................................$3322.50 per semester
This is in addition to the tuition and technology fee and is assessed to out-of-state students enrolling in 7 or more credit hours.

The Certificate of Achievement is awarded after successful completion of all required courses of study and clinical site experience. The Nevada State Board of Pharmacy issues a Pharmacy Technician registration upon satisfactory completion of all program requisites. Students will also be prepared to sit for the national certification examination, if they so choose.

Admission Requirements
The College of Southern Nevada’s Pharmacy Technician Certificate of Achievement is a Limited Entry program. Therefore, all prerequisite requirements must be completed by the application deadline in order to be eligible for consideration. Students must be at least 18 years of age and a high school graduate or equivalent to participate in the practicum during the 2nd semester. A Social Security Number is also required. Students with misdemeanor or felony convictions must contact the state board for clarification of licensure eligibility prior to applying to the program. Students with felony convictions may be ineligible for state licensure. An application for admission may be obtained online at:
http://sites.csn.edu/health/limitedentry-programchecklists.html

Accepted Students
Students accepted into the program will be required to show proof of health insurance, CPR certification, negative TB skin test results or chest x-ray, negative urine drug screen, acceptable background screen, and proof of vaccinations prior to being permitted to begin clinical rotations during the 2nd semester. A physical examination must also be completed. Students should consider beginning immunizations requirements before applying for a health sciences program.

Dress Code Policy
Students accepted into the program are not permitted to wear and/or display long or artificial fingernails, make-up, facial hair, nor visible tattoos or body piercings during on-site clinical experiential training assignment in the 2nd semester.