

Curriculum

Classroom Learning

Through the coursework, students will gain the knowledge and skills for professional practice in a pharmacy. Students will utilize interactive course modules and activities and all classroom curriculum content is uniquely available as online learning. There will be guest lectures scheduled throughout the program.

Since coursework for the first 12 weeks is primarily online, students must have access to a computer with internet access. Laptops are not provided by VUMC.

Simulated Lab

Paired with online learning, students will put their newly acquired knowledge to practice and participate in simulation lab coursework on Wednesdays during the first 12 weeks for the program. This coursework will be completed in a pharmacy technician simulated lab at the Melrose Support Services location.

Experiential or “Hand-On” Clinical Rotations

The last eight weeks of this program are presented as experiential rotations where the students display skills in two rotations at different VUMC pharmacy locations. These rotations encompass a wide range of pharmacy practices and specialties and take place at VUMC.

Schedule

Weeks 1 through 12

Schedule	Program	Location	Courses Covered	Contact Hours
15-20 hours per week	Didactic Coursework	Online	Introduction to pharmacy; Pharmacology for technicians; Career development; Principles of pharmacy operations	176
8 hours per week	Simulation Coursework	Online and on-site	Pharmacy Simulation Lab	128

Weeks 13 through 20

Schedule	Program	Location	Courses Covered	Contact Hours
40 hours per week	Rotations	On-Site	Pharmacy experiential rotation 1; Pharmacy experiential rotation 2	320

Hours

The simulation/classroom portion of the program includes eight hours per day, one day a week for the first 12 weeks of the program. The experiential rotations/clinical schedule can vary between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and include 40 hours of education and training a week.