

2010-11 Career and Technical Student Follow-up

Pharmacy Technology

An annual follow-up of students in the Career and Technical programs has been completed each year since 2002 by the Office of Planning and Effectiveness. The purpose of the report is to collect students' feedback about the college and their specific career and technical program to support continuous improvement efforts. This survey is the only way to provide consistent data at the college and department level regarding student employment and wage ranges. Information at the department level does not have enough respondents to be representative of the entire department or students thereof. However, this data does provide indicators of outcomes for program review and outcomes assessment projects.

Current Employment				
Status	Employer	Position title / description	City	State
Graduate	Fred Meyer	Certified Pharmacy Technician	Battle	WA
Graduate	Fred Meyer (Kroger)	Pharmacy Technician	Battle	WA
Graduate	Fred Meyer Pharmacy	Pharmacy Technician	Vancouver	WA
Graduate	Legacy Emanuel Hospital	Pharmacy Technician	Portland	OR
Graduate	Olson Pharmacy	Pharmacy Technician	Milwaukee	OR
Graduate	Payless Drug	Pharmacy Technician	Tigard	OR
Graduate	Payless Long Term Care Pharmacy	Pharmacy Tech	Portland	OR
Graduate	Power Engineers	CAD Drafter II	Meridian	ID
Graduate	Providence Home Services	Pharmacy Technician	Portland	OR
Graduate	Rite Aid	Technician	Vancouver	WA
Graduate	Sears Holdings	Softlines Lead	Vancouver	WA
Graduate	Wal-Mart	Cashier	Vancouver	WA

Reported Wages	
# of respondents	Wage category
1	\$18.01 /hr. or more
9	\$12.01 to \$18.00 / hr.
2	\$8.67 to \$12.00 / hr.

Employed in Field	
# of respondents	Response
9	Yes
3	No

How well do you feel your education at Clark College prepared you for employment in the field of your choice?	
# of respondents	Response
9	Well Prepared
4	Prepared
1	Not adequately prepared

How well did Clark College prepare you to meet current industry standards?	
# of respondents	Response
8	Well Prepared
5	Prepared
1	Not adequately prepared

In what way do you feel Clark College did not prepare you for employment?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program should have been longer with more hands on training

In what way do you feel Clark College did not prepare you to meet industry standards?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All employers want 1-5 experience. Can't get the experience if not willing to hire or even consider hiring. The program is not really clear as to the real opportunity for hiring.

What additional skills would have been helpful for you to learn in your program?

- Because so much of the work in this field is retail a greater focus or emphasis on the importance of retail aspects would have been great. Perhaps a larger focus on typing short codes accurately, counting quickly, those sorts of things. overall however I was very well prepared for the job I was offered
- None. Dawn and Heidi covered everything very, very well and thoroughly. Dawn and Heidi were amazing!
- Math and Computer skills
- Would have liked to get an Associates
- More math experience required for Pharmacy Technician
- Job opportunities after program completion
- Dealing with the BS of Management and Insurance.
- Maybe more hands-on experience & in-depth discussions
- Different approaches to learning drug names rather than just memorizing and cramming in such a short period of time. Not beneficial to the industry.

Anything else you'd like to tell us?

- I would recommend the Clark Pharmacy Tech program to anyone (and I do regularly!) It was a wonderful, tough, and real experience that paid off majorly in every way I hoped!
- Thanks a lot to offer me a good program for my career.
- Long wait time for licenses. Dawn Shults and Heidi Fay are awesome. It's not their fault I didn't find a job as a Pharmacy Technician - it's mine.
- Establish a Clark student Pharmacy networking
- After all that schooling and training; my salary base is minimal; I expected more from a college training program.
- I feel like I wasted not only my time, but money too. If this is the type of work I can get with a College Education then I would be better off not having attended Clark.
- Maybe more one on one with students
- Without 1-5 experience, employers reply that minimum requirements have not been meet. Very disappointed.