



I-BEST PHARMACY ASSISTANT

YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE



Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST) programs offer an opportunity for Adult Basic Education (ABE) students to start a certificate or degree sooner, with extra support. Start on a career pathway leading to higher wages and opportunities while improving your academic skills.

DESCRIPTION

A Pharmacy Assistant is an in-demand healthcare career that provides ample employment opportunities and flexible work environments. Pharmacy assistants assist pharmacists by performing all clerical duties necessary to ensure that a pharmacy is running efficiently. They answer telephone calls, manage the cash register, and restock shelves with medication and other pharmaceutical supplies. The pharmaceutical field offers a multitude of advancement opportunities, making it an ideal field for anyone who wants long-term professional possibilities and exciting new challenges. YVCC's Pharmacy Assistant Certificate provides an opportunity to further your education as a Pharmacy Technician, with the option to earn a certificate or degree within 1-2 years. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) lists Washington as a top paying state for pharmacy technicians with an average hourly wage of \$26.63, or about \$55,390 annually. Students earn a Pharmacy Assistant Certificate, Washington State Department of Health Credential, and certifications in First Aid, Healthcare Provider Basic Life Support (BLS), Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and seven hours of Blood-Borne Pathogen (BBP) training.

ELIGIBILITY

- Students must first be enrolled in the College & Career Readiness program before beginning an I-BEST program. They must also be actively working towards their GED, high school diploma, or enrolled in Adult Basic Education courses.
- ABE Writing Level: 4

IMPORTANT DETAILS

- The Pharmacy Assistant I-BEST program is fully online, completed in one quarter (Winter), and is 5 credits.
- Funding is available for those who qualify.
- GED or High School Diploma is not required.
- I-BEST students receive registration, advising and career planning support.
- Adult Basic Education programs provide essential skills in areas such as reading, writing, mathematics, technology, and English language proficiency. These foundational skills enable adults to progress in higher education and secure well-paying jobs in growing industries.

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I-BEST PHARMACY ASSISTANT COURSE SEQUENCE

PREREQUISITES - HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION COURSES OFFERED EVERY FALL OR SPRING

HSC 69 – Healthcare Workplace Skills

HSC 71 – Healthcare Terminology

WINTER - QUARTER 1 OF 1

AH 105 – Introduction to Pharmacology

2 credits

AH 155 – First Aid/CPR/Blood-Borne

3 credits

Pathogen Training



Pharmacy Assistant Certificate

Washington State Department of Health Credential

Certifications in First Aid, Healthcare Provider
Basic Life Support (BLS), Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR),
and seven hours of Blood-Borne Pathogen (BBP) training.

SCHEDULE/SEQUENCE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON ENROLLMENT