

College of the Redwoods introduces new Pharmacy Technician Program

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College of the Redwoods Workforce and Community Education will offer the expanded Pharmacy Technician Program in an online format for the fall 2020 semester.

Interested students can attend a free, online information session on at 10 a.m. Aug. 8 or at 6 p.m. Aug. 18. Register by calling 707-476-4500.

The program instructor, Dr. Kyle Bigham, is a local pharmacist who earned a doctorate through the University of Washington. Classes will be online Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Tuesdays from 6-9:30 p.m. Sept. 12 through Feb. 6, 2021.

The Pharmacy Technician Program consists of 140 classroom hours and a 120-hour externship, where students will be placed at a local pharmacy to hone their pharmacy technician skills in a workplace setting. Additionally, the program qualifies students to sit for and to be prepared for the ExCPT (National Healthcareer Association) and PTCE (Pharmacy Technician Certification Board) exams. The program meets

the education requirements of the California Board of Pharmacy, therefore, national certification is not required, but is encouraged.

Anyone interested in learning more about the pharmacy technician program or other programs offered through Workforce and Community Education may call 707-476-4500 or go to <https://www.redwoods.edu/communityed/classes>.