

Module Title:	Work Placement Pharmacy Technician
Language of Instruction:	English
Credits:	30
NFQ Level:	6
Module Delivered In	1 programme(s)
Teaching & Learning Strategies:	Work placement enhances the student's learning through practical first hand experience in the work place. Organising their own placement, learning to interact with staff members and customers/patients will encourage the student to engage in the hospital or community pharmacy and learn work-related practical skills. Students completing part of their placement in industry will develop the lab based skills required to become competent in the preparation of products such as OPAT, chemotherapy etc.
Module Aim:	During the work placement period, students are based in either hospital, community or industry. This opportunity for practice based learning allows them to develop the core competencies required by pharmacy technicians from entry level to practice.
Learning Outcomes	
<i>On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:</i>	
LO1	Focus on the technical aspects of the prescription, the gathering of patient information for the pharmacist to review, product preparation, product distribution and inventory control;
LO2	Assume responsibility for their own actions, be accountable to the public and contribute to the overall functioning of the pharmacy to ensure a safe and healthy environment.
LO3	Practice in accordance with legislation, professional standards, guidelines and/or policies
LO4	Work very closely with the pharmacist in order to achieve optimal drug therapy outcomes for the patient
LO5	Collaborate with each other and members of the health care team and broader circle of care, act as mentors to promote the growth and development of the profession and commit to lifelong learning.
Pre-requisite learning	
Module Recommendations <i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.</i>	
No recommendations listed	
Incompatible Modules <i>These are modules which have learning outcomes that are too similar to the learning outcomes of this module.</i>	
No incompatible modules listed	
Co-requisite Modules	
No Co-requisite modules listed	
Requirements <i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is mandatory before enrolment in this module is allowed.</i>	
Successful completion of year 1 or equivalent	

Module Content & Assessment

Indicative Content

Work Placement

Students must work 832 hours June to December in hospital, community or a combination of both. Students have the option to complete a maximum of 320 hours outside of Ireland or in the pharmacy industry.

Assessment Breakdown

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Project	100.00%

No Continuous Assessment

Project

Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Project	Students are required to develop a work placement portfolio which consists of: Placement Diary Placement Presentation Research Poster Diary Exercises Competency Sheets Tutor Sheets These will provide an evidence base that the student has achieved and understood the core competencies required from a pharmacy technician.	1,2,3,4,5	100.00	Week 24

No Practical

No End of Module Formal Examination

SETU Carlow Campus reserves the right to alter the nature and timings of assessment

Module Workload

Workload: Full Time		
<i>Workload Type</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i>
Placement	12 Weeks per Stage	69.33
Contact Hours	12 Weeks per Stage	1.00
Total Hours		844.00

Module Delivered In

Programme Code	Programme	Semester	Delivery
CW_SAPHA_C	Higher Certificate in Science in Pharmacy Technician Studies	3	Mandatory

Discussion Note:	Work Placement Coordinator is allocated one timetabled hour per practical group for this module. This time is used for student sessions in relation to understanding work placement, liaising with pharmacy tutors, one to one meetings with students, coordinating with IT Carlow Careers Services and engaging with the pharmacy industry. Work placement posters are presented at the annual conference of National Association of Hospital Pharmacy Technicians. Presentations are shared with first year pharmacy technicians in Semester 1. Job fairs, industry visits, CV and interview workshops are all included in this module and take place during semester 2.
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