

**Lakeshore Technical College
Pharmacy Technician Program
Advisory Committee Meeting
May 9, 2006**

Members present: 15

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:40 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the October 6, 2005 Pharmacy Technician Advisory Committee meeting were approved.

Program Update:

55 students are expected to graduate on May 13, 2006.

22 students entered the program in January, 2006

114 spots are open for students to enter the program in August, 2006 (55 are admitted to date).

Instructional Assistant:

Jill Rinkin, CPhT, served as a temporary adjunct in Fall 2005. Her experience includes positions as Tech II at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, Lead Tech/Trainer/Supervisor at Tufts New England Hospital in Boston, Medication Assistant Program Coordinator at UW Hospital in Madison, and Walgreens technician. Jill performed community pharmacy clinical site visits in the western districts during second quarter.

Chippewa Valley Technical College

CVTC will offer the program independent of LTC beginning in August, 2006. We have shared our curriculum with them and wish them a strong growing program in their area.

Madison Area Technical College

MATC has decided to discontinue offering the pharmacy technician program. The UW School of Pharmacy accepts 130 pharmacy students annually. Pharmacies in Madison therefore have about 400 pharmacy students interested in gaining work experience in pharmacies as technicians.

Associate Degree

Official approval from the State is expected by the end of May, 2006. Course descriptions, a two semester plan, and 2 year option for students were distributed.

District Certificate

An on-line district certificate program is being developed for trained on-the-job pharmacy technicians who are pursuing national certification. The series will provide the learner with credit bearing coursework relevant to the certification exam, and is provided in an accelerated timeframe taking into consideration the knowledge learners have already gained through recent work experience.

Curriculum Change

Motion made/seconded/Carried unanimously to decrease the Fundamentals of Reading Prescriptions course from 2 credits to 1 credit and to increase the Managing Pharmacy Benefits course from 1 credit to 2 credits.

Membership and Officers

New Chairperson was elected for the 2006-2007 school year.

New Vice-chair was elected for the 2006-2007 school year.

Next Meeting

Thursday, October 5, 2006 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.