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Ivy Tech Lake County Launching Pharmacy Tech Program

CROWN POINT – In keeping with its mission to equip Indiana's workforce with skills needed in high-demand fields, Ivy Tech Community College's Lake County campus is launching its Pharmacy Technician certificate program starting with the fall semester.

Classes will begin in August and take place at the campus' Crown Point location, 9900 Connecticut Dr. Courses include Medical Terminology, Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology, Pharmacology, Customer Service, Pharmacy Tech Concepts and a seminar course. Students in the program receive clinical hands-on practice in healthcare settings, with a combination of classroom and time in the lab, with state-of-the-art equipment.

"Employers looking for pharmacy techs will prefer someone who has the credentials," Program Chair Jodi Wilkes said. "Students who complete the program and become a certified pharmacy technician will have a variety of employment options, earn higher wages and have greater job stability. Work as a certified technician is rewarding and allows for quality patient care."

Pharmacy technicians can work in long-term care facilities, mail order pharmacies, specialty compounding pharmacies, retail settings and clinical call centers, among other locations.

Those wanting more information about the program can contact Wilkes at <u>jwilkes15@ivytech.edu</u> or 219-981-1111, ext. 2431.

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