

CABARRUS COLLEGE

of

HEALTH SCIENCES

Spring Commencement includes First Graduates of Pharmacy Technology Program

It is an exciting time for the Pharmacy Technology program at Cabarrus College! The program graduated its first class during spring 2013 commencement which included Amanda Bryson, Rockwell; Kathryn Jacobs, Mt. Pleasant; Cecilia Smith, Troutman; Samantha Smith, Rockwell; and Hailey Stewart, Midland.

Each of the graduates is now a Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT), achieved by passing the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Exam. Graduates of the associate degree pharmacy technology program are also approved to do certain functions without the supervision of a pharmacist.

The newly minted graduates are eager to put their new skills to work. Amanda Bryson, a spring graduate, states, "I am currently working fulltime as a Pharmacy Technician at CMC-NorthEast focusing primarily on medication reconciliation, which is critical for knowing medications. This program helped me tremendously in learning the top 200 drugs, how to use sterile compounding in a vertical and laminar flow hoods, how to work successfully with patients and pharmacy staff, and many other aspects of being a successful pharmacy tech."



Left to Right: Amanda Bryson, Samantha Smith, Hailey Stewart, Kathryn Jacobs, Cecilia Smith

Annette Simmons, Pharmacy Technology program chair states, "The Pharmacy Technology students founded the Cabarrus College Pharmacy Technology Student Association. Their activities included attending the North Carolina Association of Pharmacists Convention and raising money for Ronald McDonald House through a hot

dog sale on campus. All five students passed the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board exam and are currently employed as Certified Pharmacy Technicians. In obtaining the Associate of Science degree, all of the graduates meet North Carolina legal educational requirements for checking the work of other pharmacy technicians in the hospital setting.”

Pharmacy Technology is an emerging field that is growing rapidly! It has been rated as one of fastest growing career fields, with a shortage in the Charlotte region. To learn more about the Pharmacy Technology program prospective students are invited to hands on information sessions on June 26 (5-6:30pm) and June 27 (noon-1pm). A college wide open house is also scheduled for June 11 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

An application can still be submitted for fall admission to the pharmacy technology program. Apply online at www.cabarruscollege.edu. To speak with an admissions counselor call 704-403-1556.