



## Pharmacy Technician

Advisory Council Minutes

February 2, 2015

Members in Attendance:       Debbie Holland West-MEC  
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  Amanda Yocum Metro Tech Curriculum Specialist  
  Susan Farretta STEM Integration Specialist for CTE  
  Joseph DeLeon Pharmacy Technician Instructor  
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### Curriculum/Textbooks

Metro Tech HS currently offers a one-year Pharmacy Technician program; but moving to a two-year program for the 2015-16 school year, to accommodate additional math skills and externship component. Metro Tech is currently using "The Pharmacy Technician, Foundations and Practices" by Pearson, however, they are reviewing new PT textbooks for next year. West-MEC's adopted textbooks were available to review and discuss during the meeting. The instructor recommended the implementation of "Visual Script" an online pharmacy technician software tool. Computers are essential to the program for project based learning and the utilization of online software.

### Externship

Metro Tech is in communication with CVS/Caremark to offer externships to their second year students. The externship conversation is taking place with CVS/Caremark HR division. They are currently researching the legality regarding students being in the pharmacy setting under the age of 18. CVS/Caremark is excited about the opportunity to partner with West-MEC; because they anticipate large hiring needs in the immediate future. Shadowing opportunities were discussed along with volunteering service.

### Program Information Sheet

The Metro Tech instructor shared their course prerequisites and highlighted the importance of prior math skills. The instructor shared a large quantity of math workbooks which are currently being utilized frequently in the curriculum.

### Equipment

Metro Tech recommended daily uniforms of student scrubs and additionally **clean uniforms, face masks and hair nets** for the compounding unit of study. Reference was made to medical cabinets and their **locking component** to mirror industry practice. An invitation was extended to all meeting members to participate in "Getting to Know NEC" on February 12<sup>th</sup> or at any time in the future. West-MEC would be more than happy to host a tour of our facility.