

Certificate Program Requirements

According to 21 NCAC 46.3101(2) b, all certificate programs must contain a core curriculum including at a minimum the following components:

1. communicating with healthcare professionals and patients regarding drug therapy, wellness, and health promotion,
2. designing, implementing, monitoring, evaluating, and modifying or recommending modifications in drug therapy to insure effective, safe, and economical patient care,
3. identifying, assessing, and solving medication-related problems and providing a clinical judgment as to the continuing effectiveness of individualized therapeutic plans and intended therapeutic outcomes,
4. conducting physical assessment, evaluating patient problems, ordering and monitoring medications and/or laboratory tests in accordance with established standard of practice,
5. referring patients to other health professionals as appropriate,
6. administering medications,
7. monitoring patients and patient populations regarding the purposes, uses, and effects and pharmacoeconomics of their medication and related therapy,
8. counseling patients regarding the purposes, uses, and effects of their medication and related therapy,
9. integrating relevant diet, nutritional and non-drug therapy with pharmaceutical care,
10. recommending, counseling, and monitoring patient use of non-prescription drugs, herbal remedies, and alternative medicine practices,
11. devices, and durable medical equipment,
12. providing emergency first care,
13. retrieving, evaluating, utilizing, and managing data and professional resources,
14. using clinical data to optimize therapeutic drug regimens,
15. collaborating with other health professionals,
16. documenting interventions and evaluating pharmaceutical care outcomes,
17. integrating pharmacy practice within healthcare environments,
18. integrating national standards for the quality of healthcare, and
19. conducting outcomes and other research.