



August 17, 2009

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** William D. Law, Jr., President  
**SUBJECT:** Pharmacy Technician

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### **Item Description:**

This item requests Board approval to implement a Pharmacy Technician program.

### **Overview:**

The Pharmacy Technician program is a one-year Post Secondary Adult Vocational program leading to national certification as a Pharmacy Technician. The College plans implementation of the program in Spring 2010.

### **Salient Facts:**

The Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI), Labor Market Statistics Center, lists Pharmacy Technician as the 4th fastest growing occupation in the Tallahassee Community College service area. During the 2008 legislative session, Senate Bill 1360 was passed requiring pharmacy technicians to register with the State's Pharmacy Board by 2010 and for prospective pharmacy technicians to complete an approved training program by 2011. There currently are no Pharmacy Technician training programs in the panhandle of Florida.

The program is a 1050 contact hour program, based upon Florida Department of Education frameworks, includes classroom, laboratory, and internships in both retail and hospital pharmacy environments. Pending approval, the College plans implementation in January, 2010 with a cohort of 16-18 students. Course delivery will be via face-to-face and online methods.

Program completers will be qualified to take the national Certified Pharmacy Technician exam soon to be required by Senate Bill 1360.

### **Past Actions:**

No past board actions have been required for the implementation of this program. The program has received approval of the College's Academic Affairs committee.

**Future Actions:**

No further activity on the part of the Board is necessary for this item.

**Funding/Financial Matters:**

This item is funded by the 2009-2010 Operating Budget as well as Perkins funds.

**Staff Resource:**

John Chapin

**Recommended Action:**

Approve implementation of the Pharmacy Technician program.