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Higher Certificate in Science in Pharmacy Technician AU174

Congratulations on being offered a place of study in the Department of Life and Physical Sciences at ATU Donegal. The Department of Life and Physical Sciences is a vibrant, exciting department in the Faculty of Science and Health. It is equipped with up-to-date equipment and state-of-the-art laboratories. This programme offers you the opportunity to learn and develop new skills to seek employment in the pharmacy area.

This is a full-time programme with classes taking place Monday-Friday from 09.30 17.30. Attendance at all lectures, practicals, site visits and placements (if applicable) is recorded and monitored. If a student has attendance less than 75%, they will be invited to attend a meeting with the Head of Department.

As part of your programme of study you will take both theory and practical classes. Practical classes are an essential part of your programme as they put into practice much of the theory you have been taught in class. As a Department, we place considerable emphasis on this aspect of our programmes of study as employers require graduates to have up-to-date practical skills. Students are required to wear protective clothing when working in the Science labs. Lab coats are available from the Campus SU shop. In addition to scheduled classes students are also required to undertake independent learning. Suitable clothing must also be worn when on farm visits and academic staff will advise you of these requirements during Induction.

The course involves placements of 6 weeks duration in each of the 4 semesters of the programme. These work placements are critical as they put into practice all that the student has learned in the classroom. Students will be expected to take a variety of placements to ensure that they get exposure to the working of both community and hospital pharmacies. As a result, students will be expected to engage in placements outside the Donegal region. While the University will make every effort to assist the learner in finding a placement final responsibility for securing the placement resides with the learner. Students will be responsible for sourcing and paying for both accommodation and travel to these placements.

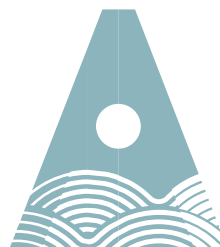
Once again congratulations on securing your place in the Department of Life and Physical Sciences. On-Campus Induction for Department of Life and Physical Sciences Pharmacy Technician Students takes place on **Thursday 14th September**.

You will receive information about your Class Group and Timetable at Induction.

I look forward to meeting you then.

Dr Kim McFadden

Head of Department of Life and Physical Sciences



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Quick Guide Information for Pharmacy Technician Students

Placement Information

- 6 weeks per semester – range of community and hospital pharmacies – further information will be provided at Year 1 Induction
- Range of locations/regions
- Mandatory Training – arranged by Department of Life and Physical Sciences

Additional Costs*

Purpose	Cost	
Laboratory Coat	€40	SU Campus Shop

*Please note additional costs are not covered by the SUSI grant and students are required to arrange payment through their ATU Student Account.

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