

Meeting with Leigh Cobb, CPhT

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Ms. Cobb has been a technician for 21 years, and a CPhT for 13 years. She learned everything she needed to know to pass the certification test while working as a technician for 10 years. To become certified, you take a national exam; to stay certified, you have to get 20 hours of continuing education every two years. All of this CE can be done online and is often paid for by your employer. CE can include topics like current treatments and drug development as well as issues related to Medicare Part D, etc. Certified Pharmacy Technicians may perform the following tasks:

- Transfer prescriptions
- Oversee inventory
- Prepare and send invoices
- Develop pricing plans
- Communicate with doctors and nurses

ECU Pharmacy Services has four locations and supports several ECU clinics.

Ms. Cobb works in the pharmacy at the James D. Bernstein Community Health Center. This center is supported through federal grants and is required to have a partner pharmacy through which 340B pricing (a discount drug program) can be made available. Indigent patients, from as far west as Wilson to as far east as the coast, are treated at the health center. There is a full time physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, and a part-time physician on staff.

Ms. Cobb said ECU Pharmacy Services is looking for serious and committed volunteers available to work at least 3 hours per visit. You must be a full-time ECU student to be able to volunteer at the Bernstein Center. You must have a photo identification to enter the clinic. Students will be trained, must take a HIPAA quiz, and must be able to deal with sensitive patient information to protect patient rights. This orientation will be given at a later date. This volunteering experience will have no face-to-face interaction with the patient. Christine has forms for potential volunteers to fill out. If you have any questions, you can contact Christine (BarkerC08@students.ecu.edu) or Ms. Cobb.

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Other News:

1. There will be a fourth year pharmacy student from UNC-Chapel Hill will give a presentation later this month. The date, time, and location are TBA and will be posted on our Facebook page, email through OrgSync, and ECU's Pre-Pharmacy's Club website.
2. If you are not a full-time ECU student, you can still volunteer at Pitt County Memorial Hospital's Pharmacy (see <http://www.uhseast.com/pittcounty/dynamic-detail.aspx?id=10421> for more information).