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PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

FACT SHEET

Pharmacy technicians enjoy a rewarding career in the constantly growing and evolving field of health care and prescription medicine while maintaining a stable and straightforward work environment.

As a certified pharmacy technician, you are the liaison between medical professionals, doctors, pharmacists, insurance companies and patients. You will receive and verify prescriptions and prepare patient medication.

Our Pharmacy Technician Program is designed to help you advance your current health care career or to find entry-level employment in this field. You can feel confident that this flexibility also comes with high standards in training and education. Get started in an undergraduate certificate program and earn credential employers recognize.

Areas of study include

- Pharmacy Law
- Pharmacy Practice
- The Human Body
- Drug Classifications
- Drug Information
- Communication
- Pharmaceutics and Kinetics
- Medication Dosage Forms
- Sterile Processing
- Medication Errors
- Disease States
- Billing and Insurance
- Pharmacy Calculations

SALARY

Salary ranges from \$30,410 - \$53,000

Salary may vary depending on location, experience and national rate. Detailed information may be found at www.bls.gov.

Entry Level Pharmacy Technician

\$12-\$14
per hour

Senior Pharmacy Technician

\$18-\$22
per hour

Oncology Pharmacy Technician

\$20
per hour

Employers

- Community or retail pharmacies
- Specialty pharmacies
- Mail-order pharmacies
- Nuclear pharmacies
- Hospital pharmacies
- Infusion centers
- Home healthcare
- Legal firms
- Pharmaceutical companies
- State boards of pharmacy
- Certification agencies

Prerequisites

- ✓ Be at least 18 years of age
- ✓ Have a high school diploma or a G.E.D. equivalent
- ✓ Have suitable vision and hearing (normal or corrected)
- ✓ Have suitable psychomotor skills, hand-eye coordination, and finger agility
- ✓ Be able to stand for extended period of time
- ✓ Successfully pass criminal background check
- ✓ Successfully pass drug screening
- ✓ Obtain immunizations required for externships

The Pharmacy Technician program prepares students for TWO national certification exams:

- Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) offered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) www.ptcb.org
- Exam for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ExCPT) is offered by the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) www.nhanow.com

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