



Pharmacy Technician Program

# Pursue a Career As a Pharmacy Technician



## Top 3 Reasons to Become a Pharmacy Technician:

- ✓ Take advantage of growing, nationwide demand
- ✓ Choose from a variety of job opportunities and schedules
- ✓ Build experience for a long-term healthcare career

## ROLE OF A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Pharmacy technicians work in retail or institutional facilities and assist pharmacists in formulating, labeling, and dispensing medications. According to the U.S. Department of Labor about 75% of pharmacy technicians work in a retail setting, while 16% work in hospitals. These different work settings offer a variety of job opportunities and available work schedules as many institutional facilities and a few retail pharmacies remain open 24 hours a day, offering the opportunity to select a schedule and position that fits your lifestyle.

## GROWING, NATIONWIDE DEMAND

The pharmacy technician field is a part of the growing healthcare industry as well as one of the 20 fastest growing occupations in the nation. The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics projects:

- **A rapidly expanding job market** as the field is predicted to grow by 31%, or almost 100,000 new jobs, before 2018.
- **High demand** and good job prospects for pharmacy technicians with formal training or certification.
- **A growing number of professionals needed** in the field to meet the high demand for prescriptions fueled by an aging population and continued scientific advances.

The U.S. Department of Labor report also states that the middle 50% of pharmacy technicians nationwide earn between \$23,020 and \$33,820 annually.

## SOLID FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE EDUCATION

The pharmacy technician profession is one that allows for quick preparation and entry while providing valuable experience that can serve as a solid foundation for a number of more advanced healthcare positions. Pharmacy technicians are educated in the use and effect of medications, and, as virtually every healthcare occupation includes pharmacology at some level, this profession is a good starting point for the further education required to become a pharmacist, nurse, doctor, or other healthcare professional.

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## What You Get With the Career Step Program

### IN-DEPTH, ONLINE TRAINING

Our curriculum was developed by nationally certified and experienced pharmacy technicians, and with 24/7 access to all course material, you will have the freedom to study at the pace and schedule that fit your busy lifestyle.

#### Pharmacy Technician program focus:

- Give you the knowledge and skills to work in a retail or institutional setting
- Equip you with on-the-job skills developed through focused training and externships with Walgreens and CVS Pharmacy
- Prepare you to take the national PTCB exam immediately upon graduation



### CERTIFICATION PREPARATION

Career Step graduates are prepared for national certification offered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB). Although this certification is not required in all states, certified pharmacy technicians enjoy:

- **Increased pay** as certification proves a level of expertise
- **Greater marketability** when searching for a job
- **More flexibility** to choose from a wider variety of positions or geographies

The PTCB exam requires extensive preparation and a mastery of basic pharmacology knowledge. The Career Step model ensures that you have comprehensive certification preparation by including videos, games, practice exercises, and access to a certified and experienced pharmacy technician support advisor.



### COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT

Career Step provides support teams dedicated to student success. These teams are available during regular and extended business hours and are quick to respond to student questions and concerns.

#### Student Support:

- Nationally certified and experienced in the pharmacy technician industry
- Answers and information on the industry and course curriculum
- Guidance on career opportunities with healthcare employers after graduation

#### Technical Support:

- Help with technical issues encountered within the program
- Knowledgeable and experienced
- Available six days a week

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## GET MORE INFORMATION!

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# CAREER STEP STUDENTS ARE:

- Prepared to sit for industry certification exams right after graduation
- Simultaneously prepared for work in both retail and institutional settings
- Equipped with on-the-job skills developed through focused training and externships with Walgreens and CVS Pharmacy

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