

Pharmacy Technician

INDUSTRY FACTS



What do pharmacy technicians do?

Pharmacy technicians play a crucial role in keeping a pharmacy running smoothly. They have excellent communication skills and the best of the best genuinely understand what it means to offer service with a smile.

Here's what a typical day or week might look like:

- Accurately and efficiently preparing prescription orders
- Verifying prescription information and dosage
- Entering patient and order information into the pharmacy system
- Processing and submitting insurance claims
- Providing quality customer service to patients and other healthcare providers

Where do they work?

Pharmacy technicians work in a number of settings that range from standard pharmacies and drugstores to hospitals and grocery stores* This variety provides pharm techs a lot more flexibility when working a schedule that fits their individual lifestyle.

How much do they earn?

Specific pay rates vary by region, employer, and work setting; however, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the median annual salary of professionals in the field is \$43,460.*

How's the job outlook?

Pharmacy technicians jobs are expected to increase 7% over the next decade.*

*Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. "Pharmacy Technicians." Occupational Outlook Handbook. Accessed April 22, 2025.

Statements found in the United States Department of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook are not a guarantee of any post-graduation salary, in part because the data used to create the Occupational Outlook Handbook includes workers from differing educational backgrounds, levels of experience, and geographic areas of the country.

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Prepare For A Better Job

Train affordably without sacrificing quality. This program's comprehensive training was developed by industry professionals with years of experience – specifically designed to help you prepare for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) offered through the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) and the Exam for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ExCPT) offered by the National Healthcareer Association (NHA).

Learn Your Way

With online training, you can absorb more knowledge and learn more skills—fast.

- Study on a schedule that fits your life
- Progress at a pace that matches your learning style
- Adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day

Receive Coaching and Guidance

When you train with CareerStep, we back you every step of the way—from enrollment through course completion.

- Learner support
- Technical support
- Clinical externship support*

Get Certified

We'll prepare you to take nationally recognized exams so you can explore greater opportunities in your area.

- **Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Exam (PTCE)**
- **Exam for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ExCPT)**

Program Outline

Course
Program Orientation
Pharmacy Business
Pharmacy Law
Introduction to Human Trafficking
Digital Technology
Comprehensive Medical Terminology
Pharmacology for Pharmacy
Pharmacy Calculations
Community Pharmacy
Externship Readiness Skills
Prescriptions
Inventory Management
Non Sterile/Sterile Compounding
Institutional Pharmacy
Pharmacy Labs
Immunization and Vaccination Training
Fundamentals of HIPAA
Pharmacy Technician Final Exam
Applying for Your Required Externship
Clinical Externship*
Program Completion

***CareerStep does not guarantee externships.**

A learner's placement in and completion of an externship is solely the learner's responsibility and may be subject to additional requirements, such as a background check and successful completion of a CareerStep course. This is particularly important for learners seeking to complete their externship in Alabama, District of Columbia, Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming. Please note that CareerStep will not sign agreements with sites in the above-referenced states or provide evidence of insurance to those sites.