

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 on a schedule that fits their individual lifestyle.

How much do they earn?

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, pharmacy technicians with formal training or national certification are in particularly high demand and often earn more than those without these qualifications. 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 \$33,950.

How's the job outlook?

Healthcare is one of the fastest-growing industries in the United States, adding thousands of jobs every month. This means pharmacy technicians are in high demand—in fact, job rates are expected to grow 11.8% over the next 10 years.

Job market data from Burning Glass Technologies "Labor Insight™ Real-Time Labor Market Information Tool". Salary information from U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"I passed the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) in November and started a new job at a locally owned pharmacy the first week of January! With my husband in the Army, I'm so grateful to have a 'mobile career' that is so rewarding and that I really enjoy."

NICOLE, CAREERSTEP LEARNER

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Improve Your Life

When it comes to career training, you'll find a lot of posers out there. Con artists that'll try to impress you with fancy hyperbole. But through all the noise, the distinct sound of success can be heard. Your success. All it takes is a little push. A nudge in the right direction—and your whole life could change. New doors opened. New worlds discovered. And new opportunities explored.

Prepare For A Better Job

There's plenty of upside to choosing a career in healthcare—and working as a pharmacy technician has plenty of perks: job security, financial stability, and upward mobility. But if you want to take advantage of all this opportunity, you need training that gives you the freedom to stretch yourself and test your knowledge in exciting ways. Our comprehensive training gives all learners the chance to earn clinical hours and is one of the only online pharmacy technician programs accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)/Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

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 With Free Exam Vouchers

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

- **Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) Exam**
You'll get one free voucher to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board exam to become more employable as quickly as possible.

Program Outline

Course
Program Orientation
Pharmacy Business
Pharmacy Law
Introduction to Human Trafficking
Computer Fundamentals
Comprehensive Medical Terminology
Pharmacology for Pharmacy
Pharmacy Calculations
Community Pharmacy
Externship Readiness Skills
Prescriptions
Inventory Management
Non Sterile/Sterile Compounding
Institutional Pharmacy
Pharmacy Labs
HIPAA In the Workforce
Pharmacy Technician Final Exam
Initiating Your Externship
Clinical Externship
Program Completion

TOTAL HOURS: 422

292 Coursework, Simulations, and Experiential + 130 Clinical Externship