

Pharmacy Technician

Online Pharmacy Technician Course



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Overview

Become a Pharmacy Technician

There's no shortage of pharmacies in need of skilled pharmacy technicians! This 100% online course will prepare you for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) National Certification exam and help you complete an externship with a leading pharmacy chain.

Jobs

- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), demand for pharmacy technicians will grow 12% through 2028 — that equates to more than 30,000 new jobs!
- The BLS notes that on average, pharmacy technicians earn an annual salary of \$32,700. Top earners can make up to \$47,000 per year.

FAQ

WHAT DOES A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN DO?

Pharmacy technicians order and stock medications, prepare medications for distribution and provide information to patients. Pharmacy technicians may perform many of the same duties as a pharmacist; however, their work must be approved by a pharmacist before medication can be dispensed.

DO PHARMACY TECHNICIANS NEED A CERTIFICATION?

Requirements for pharmacy technicians vary by state, but most require certification, registration or licensure. Earning your certification from the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) provides a valuable, industry-recognized credential that meets most states' requirements.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO COMPLETE A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN COURSE?

This pharmacy technician course can be completed in one year or less. This does not include the time you spend in an externship program or preparing and sitting for state licensure.

IS A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN A GOOD CAREER?

As the population ages and the prevalence of chronic diseases rises, more pharmacy technicians will be needed in pharmacies and may even see themselves taking on greater responsibilities in their role.

Curriculum

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites to take this course. However, the externship requires that you have a high school diploma and be at least 18 years old.

CURRICULUM

ORIENTATION TO PHARMACY

History, foundations and role of the pharmacy technician in today's healthcare system

PHARMACY LAW AND ETHICS

Introduction to law, liability and federal regulations of controlled substances

PHARMACEUTICAL CALCULATIONS

Basic, community and institutional pharmacy math to calculate dosages and dilutions

PHARMACOLOGY

The science of pharmacology, evolution of drugs and administration of pharmacological agents

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Verbal and non-verbal methods, HIPAA regulations

INSURANCE AND INVENTORY PROCEDURES

Cost analysis, purchasing procedures and record keeping

LAB MODULE

Interactive lab for the retail and hospital settings

CLINICAL ROTATIONS

Virtual externship in the retail and hospital settings

FINAL EXAM

Final comprehensive exam to qualify for externship

Instructors

Melissa Dunworth

Melissa Dunworth has been a certified pharmacy technician since 1997. She is registered with the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy. She holds a bachelor of science in speech and hearing sciences.

Betty Stahl

Betty Stahl holds a doctorate in pharmacy from Shenandoah University. Over the past several years, she has taught pharmacy technician programs at ASA College in New York City and ACT in Arlington, Virginia. Stahl has also worked as a pharmacist in independent and hospital settings.

Objectives

- Learn federal and state laws that govern pharmacies, as well as the ethics of pharmacy practice.
- Be fully prepared to sit for the National Certification exam titled Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE), offered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB).
- Become eligible to apply for a 100+ hour externship at a national pharmacy chain.

Enrollment & Registration

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