



Pharmacy Technician Industry Facts

What Do Pharmacy Technicians Do?

Pharmacy technicians play a crucial role in keeping a pharmacy running smoothly. They help pharmacists by carrying out duties such as:

- 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
- And much more

Where Do Pharmacy Technicians Work?

Pharmacy technicians work in a variety of settings. The U.S. Department of Labor reports:

- 75% work in retail pharmacies, such as drug stores or grocery stores
- 16% work in hospitals
- 9% work in other facilities, such as outpatient clinics or mail order pharmacies

These different work settings provide a variety of job opportunities and 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.

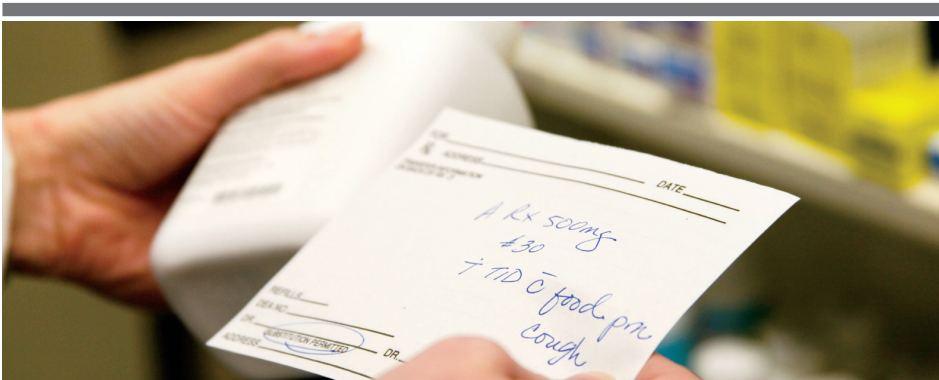
How Much Do Pharmacy Technicians Earn?

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. Department of Labor reports that, on average, pharmacy technicians earn \$28,940 a year. The middle 50% of professionals in the field earn \$23,020–\$33,820 annually.

Is The Pharmacy Technician Field Growing?

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 2010-2011 edition of the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, published by the U.S. Department of Labor, estimates:

- 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.



"Being a pharmacy technician . . . I have learned valuable customer service skills, great attention to detail, and strong abilities to work in a team. These skills are great to have in my everyday life as well in the working environment . . . This is a great career to be in!"

- Natalie, Pharmacy Technician

Pharmacy Technician Program Details



Program Overview and Completion Hours

Program Orientation	1
Working at a Pharmacy	5
Computer Fundamentals	5
Keyboard Kinetics	10
Pharmacology	48
Pharmacy Law, Regulations, and Standards	15
Business of Pharmacy	15
Prescriptions	25
Pharmaceutical Calculations	60
Nonsterile Compounding	20
Retail Pharmacy Practice	35
Institutional Pharmacy Practice	40
Preparing for the Workforce	5
Final Exam Preparation	1
TOTAL	285

Why Train With Us?

In less than 6 months, you can be prepared for a successful new career as a pharmacy technician! With this training program, you'll have everything you need to succeed, including comprehensive curriculum, flexible online training, and dedicated student and graduate support.

Comprehensive Curriculum

This program's comprehensive curriculum was developed in collaboration with practicing pharmacists and certified pharmacy technicians to make sure you gain the knowledge and skills you need to succeed. The curriculum is specially designed to:

- Prepare you for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) Exam
- Train you for careers in both retail and institutional healthcare settings
- Help you gain the necessary knowledge and skills to begin working immediately upon graduation

Flexible Online Training

With online training, you can minimize the challenges of taking time out to return to school. The online training format offers distinct advantages, including the opportunity to:

- Study on a schedule that fits your life

- Enjoy the flexibility to adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day
- Progress at the pace that matches your learning style

Live Student & Graduate Support

Enjoy the benefits of an online course with the reassurance of dedicated support when you need it. The Pharmacy Technician program includes access to three professional support teams—student support, technical support, and graduate support. All of these teams are committed to helping you:

- Graduate quickly
- Prepare for the PTCB Exam
- Successfully move into the workforce



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