

# PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

## Occupational Outlook Information

### What Pharmacy Technicians Do

Pharmacy Technicians measure amounts of medication for prescriptions. They help pharmacists dispense prescription medication to customers or health professionals.

### Education

Becoming a Pharmacy Technician usually requires earning a high school diploma or the equivalent. Pharmacy technician may complete a postsecondary education program. Most states regulate pharmacy technicians, which requires passing a certification exam.

### Pay

\$30,410 annually in May of 2015. Entry-level wages are often lower than the median.

### Skills

Technicians should be observant and organized. They should possess good communication skills and have the ability to work with computers. Technicians should be detail-orientated.

### Work Environment

Pharmacy Techs work in a wide variety of practice settings, including community pharmacies, hospitals, in-home health care settings, long term care facilities, mail service pharmacies, managed health care organizations, and educational programs.

### Job Outlook

Employment of Pharmacy Technicians is projected to grow 9% from 2014 to 2024.

*Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

## PHARMACY TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

This certification course provides the basic math skills and the knowledge and practical skills



for a career in hospital, home healthcare, mail-order and retail pharmacy environments. The course prepares students for the National Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination. Dosage forms, inventory management, drug regulation and control, and metric conversions are covered. This course is ideal for anyone looking to enter the pharmacy field as well as those already in the industry looking to enhance their skills. Approved by New York State Bureau of Veterans Education for payment of VA Education Benefits.

Prerequisite: high school diploma.

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