

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Pharmacy Technicians

Standard Occupational Code 19-3031.00

What They Do

Pharmacy Technicians prepare medications under the direction of a pharmacist. They may measure, mix count out, label, and record amounts and dosages of medications according to prescription orders. .

Is This For You?

Work Interests are described in the following categories. People who tend to succeed in this career are:

Conventional – involve following set procedures and routines. Can include working with data and details more than ideas.

Realistic – involve work activities that include practical, hands-on problems and solutions. They often deal with plants, animals, and real-world materials like wood, tools, and machinery.

Work Values are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career:

Relationships– allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment. .

Support – offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

Achievement – allow employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment.

Abilities reflect a person’s aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career:

- Near Vision
- Oral Comprehension
- Oral Expression
- Written comprehension
- Speech Recognition

Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Reading Comprehension
- Speaking
- Critical Thinking
- Monitoring
- Service Orientation
- Social Perceptiveness
- Time Management

Education & Training

To become a Pharmacy Technician you must have a two-year associate degree.

Preferred Levels* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

Applied Mathematics	4
Reading for Information	4
Locating Information	4
Business Writing	3
Workplace Observation	2
Listening for Understanding	2

*Using the median skill level.

Where They Work

The South Dakota Industries which employ the largest number of Physical Therapists are:

- Retail Pharmacy
- Independent Drugstores
- Chain Drugstores

Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Median Annual Wage
1,240	1,350	20	8%	\$29,810

Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

www.dlr.gov/lmic

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetcenter.org

mySkills myFuture

www.myskillsmyfuture.org/

Additional References

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South Dakota Dept. of Labor Regulation

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