

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

# Pharmacy Technician

Standard Occupational Code 29-2052.00

## What They Do

Prepare medications under the direction of a pharmacist. 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 (compatible with Holland's Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

**Conventional** - Enjoy following a set of procedures and routines with a clear line of authority to follow.

**Realistic** - Enjoy work activities that involve practical, hands-on problems and solutions.

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

**Support** - Offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

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

**Achievement** - Results oriented occupation that allows 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

## Skills You Need

- Active Listening – Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times
- Reading Comprehension – Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related document
- Speaking – Talking to others to convey information effectively
- Critical Thinking – Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems

## SD Employment & Wages

2016 Workers	2026 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
1,240	1,350	90	9%	110	\$31,740

## Activities: what you might do in a day

- Verify accuracy of patient information
- Perform clerical work in medical settings
- Prepare medications or medical solutions
- Process medical billing information
- Maintain inventory of medical supplies or equipment
- Record patient medical histories
- Enter patient or treatment data into computers
- Clean medical equipment or facilities
- Sterilize medical equipment or instruments
- Maintain medical equipment or instruments
- Merchandise healthcare products or services

## Education & Training

Pharmacy technicians need to **complete vocational training or complete a pharmacy technology program.**

## Where They Work

The South Dakota Industries which employ the largest number of pharmacy technicians are:

- Health and Personal Care Stores
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Department Stores
- Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses
- Federal Government

## Additional References

### Career OneStop

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

### O\*Net Online

[online.onetcenter.org](http://online.onetcenter.org)