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

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

SD Employment & Wages

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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

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