

Pharmacy Technician



What does a Pharmacy Technician do?

- Pharmacy Technicians assist licensed pharmacists by performing duties that do not require the professional skills and judgment of a licensed pharmacist.
- Pharmacy Technicians perform routine tasks in preparation for distributing the medications to patients.

What kind of Education would I need?

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Pharmacy Technician programs are 15 weeks or longer and consist of a minimum of 600 hours of training time
- Graduates generally receive a certificate or an associate's degree
- Pass the national certification examination offered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board

Where would I work?

- Community pharmacy
- Health system pharmacy
- Long-term care pharmacy
- Ambulatory care centers
- Physician offices
- Academia
- Pharmaceutical industry
- Various government agencies

Job Outlook?

Good job opportunities are expected for both full-time and part-time Pharmacy Technicians due to expansion of retail pharmacies and other employment settings as well as the increased demand for prescription drugs.

Salary?

Pharmacy Technicians earn an average of \$28,912 per year!

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