



Careers in the Licensed Professions

Registered Pharmacy Technician

Registered Pharmacy Technicians work under the direction and supervision of licensed pharmacists in certain settings. Tasks may include compounding, preparing, labeling, or assisting the pharmacist as directed in dispensing drugs to fill valid prescriptions or medication orders. Registered pharmacy technicians may also perform related tasks, such as counting dosage units of drugs and placing them in appropriate containers and entering prescription data.

Education

You must have received a high school diploma or its equivalent, as determined by the Department.

Certification

You must receive certification from a nationally accredited pharmacy technician certification program acceptable to the Department. Currently, the Department will accept certification from: Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) and National Healthcareer Association (NHA)

► Visit the [Office of the Professions](#) for details and a listing of all license options and requirements.

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Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$35,100 in the U.S., \$33,150 in NY
- Salary range: \$25,610-\$40,070
- Faster than average growth

Where Could I Work?

- Practice of this profession is limited to settings defined in Public Health Law. These include hospitals, nursing homes, and diagnostic treatment centers, as well as pharmacies owned by those facilities. They do *not* include independent or chain pharmacies.

Academic Skills

- Preparation in the basic sciences; pharmaceutical sciences; biomedical sciences; and clinical sciences.

Professional Skills

- Concern for others
- Attention to detail
- Integrity
- Dependability
- Communication

What Interests You?

Match your interests and personality to career options! Explore a free career tool at mynextmove.org/explore/ip

Tip: try searching for mentoring programs—talk to someone who is licensed about what they do and how they got started!