

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)

Salary and Projected Growth

- Salary range: \$40,833 (entry)-\$54,288 (20+ years)
- Faster than average growth

Where Could I Work?

- Practice is limited to hospitals, nursing homes, and diagnostic treatment centers, as well as pharmacies owned by those facilities (not including independent or chain pharmacies).

Academic Skills

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

Professional Skills

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

