Pharmacy Technician Fact Sheet

Job Outlook: The aging population and demand for medications continues to exceed the need for trained and certified pharmacy technicians. (bls.gov)

Salary: $18,900 - $35,900 - salary may vary depending on location, experience, and hours (bls.gov)

Employers:
- Community or retail pharmacies
- Specialty pharmacies
- Mail-order pharmacies
- Nuclear pharmacies
- Hospital pharmacies
- Infusion centers
- Home healthcare
- Legal firms
- Pharmaceutical companies
- State boards of pharmacy
- Certification agencies

Program Overview:
Pharmacy Technicians are entry-level personnel that work in many different pharmacy settings within the healthcare industry. They assist the pharmacist as their right-hand person in many different pharmacy practice settings. Some of the main duties of a pharmacy technician are to enter patient data and information into the computer system to process prescriptions. They are also responsible for dispensing commercially available medications, compounding specialty orders, and/or preparing intravenous medications.

Certification:
The Pharmacy Technician Program prepares for TWO national certification exams:
- Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) offered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) www.ptcb.org
- Exam for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ExCPT) offered by the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) www.nhanow.com

For more information, call 314-984-7777

Instructor Qualifications:
- Licensed and practicing Pharmacist
- Certified Pharmacy Technician
- A 3rd or 4th year pharmacy candidate

Ideal Candidates:
- Pre-pharmacy students
- Pharmacy technicians looking to get certified
- Individuals looking to become Certified Pharmacy Technicians
- Recent high school graduates
- Anyone interested in healthcare
- Stay-at-home parents
- Healthcare workers looking to strengthen their current skills

Program Hours: 165 contact hours includes:
- 75 hours - Instruction in retail and hospital pharmacy practices
- 30 hours - Dedicated instruction in pharmacy calculations
- 60 hours - Hands-on externships

Prerequisites: Eligible candidates for this program must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or High School Equivalency, must be proficient in English and have adequate knowledge of 9th/10th grade algebra and arithmetic.

* Please note that employers will perform a background check on applicants. It’s imperative that students do not have any prior criminal background.

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