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Career Information

Career Snapshot: Pharmacy Technician (Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Employment of pharmacy technicians is projected to grow 7 percent from 2018 to 2028, faster than the average for all occupations. Increased demand for prescription medications will lead to more demand for pharmaceutical services.

About The Profession

Pharmacy technicians help pharmacists dispense prescription medication to customers or health professionals. They mainly work in retail pharmacies and hospitals. Pharmacy technicians work under the supervision of [pharmacists](#), who must review prescriptions before they are given to patients. In most states, technicians can compound or mix some medications and call physicians for prescription refill authorizations. Technicians also may need to operate automated dispensing equipment when filling prescription orders.

Pharmacy technicians working in hospitals and other medical facilities prepare a greater variety of medications, such as intravenous medications. They may make rounds in the hospital, giving medications to patients. Pharmacy technicians work in pharmacies, including those found in drug, general merchandise, and grocery stores, and in hospitals. Most work full time, but many work part time.

Pharmacy technicians typically do the following:

- Collect information needed to fill a prescription from customers or health professionals
- Measure amounts of medication for prescriptions
- Package and label prescriptions
- Organize inventory and alert pharmacists to any shortages of medications or supplies
- Accept payment for prescriptions and process insurance claims
- Enter customer or patient information, including any prescriptions taken, into a computer system
- Answer phone calls from customers
- Arrange for customers to speak with pharmacists if customers have questions about medications or health matters

Pharmacy Technician Education and Training

The purpose of the Pharmacy Technician program is to enable graduates to obtain basic to advanced level competencies to obtain employment in either direct patient care or retail pharmacy settings. The Pharmacy Technology program prepares individuals to take the national Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) administered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or the ExCPT administered by the National Healthcareer Association. Upon successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT).

Local Information

Pharmacy Technician is 23 out of 53 on the Workforce Solution Target Occupations List of 2019. Excellent opportunities exist in Wichita Falls and throughout the United States for qualified pharmacy technicians, in both hospital and other pharmacy-practice settings. The median annual wage for pharmacy technicians was \$32,700 or \$15.72 per hour in 2018. There are many opportunities for advancement and professional growth.