



PTCE Quick Facts:

- Priced at \$129
- Offered at over 200 Pearson Professional Centers
- Endorsed by the American Pharmacists Association; the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists; and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy
- Passed by over 425,000 pharmacy technicians nationwide

PTCB Mission

PTCB develops, maintains, promotes, and administers a nationally accredited certification and recertification program for pharmacy technicians to enable the most effective support of pharmacists to advance patient safety.



For additional information on the PTCB certification program, please visit www.ptcb.org.



DON'T DREAM IT,
ACHIEVE IT.

Take the next step to becoming a
Certified Pharmacy Technician.

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION BOARD

Preparing Pharmacy Technicians for Success

Established in 1995, the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) is the first and largest certification body for pharmacy technicians. Over 425,000 pharmacy technicians have been certified nationwide. PTCB's Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) is the only competency-based exam endorsed by major pharmacy organizations, including the American Pharmacists Association, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

What is a Certified Pharmacy Technician?

Certification is the process by which a non-governmental organization grants recognition to an individual who has met predetermined qualifications specified by that organization. In PTCB's case, certification and use of the Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) credential is granted to individuals who pass the PTCE.

The PTCE is administered in all 50 states and accepted in the regulations of 44 states (shown below). Pharmacy technicians should contact the State Board of Pharmacy for the state they wish to gain employment in to ensure they meet state regulatory requirements.

NATIONAL REGULATION OF PHARMACY TECHNICIANS



*Source: 2012 NABP Survey of Pharmacy Law and independent research.

Why should I become certified?

Pharmacy technicians play an important role in supporting pharmacists in hospitals, health-systems, and community pharmacies. Pharmacists and the public require assurance that pharmacy technicians are qualified to handle the responsibilities delegated to them. Through PTCB's certification program, pharmacy technicians are prepared to serve the profession by working with pharmacists to offer safe and effective patient care.

PTCB certification:

- May be required by employers and/or State Boards of Pharmacy for employment
- Provides pharmacy technicians with a sense of accomplishment that benefits themselves, employers, and patients
- Allows pharmacy technicians to keep up with the latest advances in the field through Continuing Education (CE)
- Positions pharmacy technicians for career advancement

How do I become certified?

Eligibility requirements are simple. To become a CPhT, a candidate will need:

- A high school diploma or its equivalent
- A record free of felony and/or criminal convictions
- A passing score on the PTCE

Once a candidate has applied to take the PTCE, met eligibility requirements, and received an Authorization to Test letter, they may schedule their exam appointment with Pearson VUE, either online or by phone at (866) 902-0593. The PTCE is conveniently delivered at over 200 Pearson Professional Centers nationwide and DANTES military test centers. See the table for a complete list of test center locations, or visit www.pearsonvue.com/ptcb.

Recertification

CPhTs are required to recertify every two years to maintain certification. The purpose of recertification is to ensure that pharmacy technicians stay up-to-date in pharmacy practice through the completion of 20 hours of CE. Many employers and/or State Boards of Pharmacy require that pharmacy technicians maintain certification for employment.

Continuing Education

Recertification candidates must complete 20 hours of CE. One of the 20 hours must be in pharmacy law and 10 of the 20 hours may be earned by completing in-service projects, or special work assignments that are not part of a pharmacy technician's routine responsibilities.

Employment Outlook

According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS), employment of pharmacy technicians is expected to increase more than 31% by 2018*. The BLS also suggests that pharmacy technicians with formal education or training, previous work experience, and national certification will be specifically sought after to meet these demands.

*Source: Bureau of Labor and Statistics Occupational Handbook, 2010-2011 Edition.

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Birmingham
Decatur
Dothan
Mobile
Montgomery

ALASKA

Anchorage

ARIZONA

Chandler
Phoenix
Tucson

ARKANSAS

Fort Smith
Little Rock
Texarkana

CALIFORNIA

Anaheim
Fairfield
Fresno (2)
Gardena
Los Angeles (2)
Milpitas
Oakland
Ontario
Pasadena
Redding
Roseville
Sacramento
San Diego (2)
San Dimas
San Francisco (2)
San Marcos
Santa Maria
Westlake Village

COLORADO

Greenwood Village
Pueblo
Westminster

CONNECTICUT

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Wallingford
Wethersfield

DELAWARE

Dover
Newark

District of Columbia

Washington, DC

FLORIDA

Altamonte Springs
Deerfield Beach
Gainesville
Jacksonville
Miami
Orlando
Plantation
Port Charlotte
St. Petersburg
Tallahassee
Tampa

GEORGIA

Albany
Atlanta (2)
Augusta
Macon
Savannah

HAWAII

Honolulu

IDAHO

Boise

ILLINOIS

Chicago (2)
Marion
Peoria
Schaumburg
Springfield

INDIANA

Evansville
Fort Wayne
Indianapolis (2)
Merrillville
Terre Haute

IOWA

Coralville
Davenport
Sioux City
West Des Moines

KANSAS

Hays
Topeka
Wichita

KENTUCKY

Lexington
Louisville

LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge
Metairie
Shreveport

MAINE

Bangor
Westbrook

MARY LAND

Baltimore
Bethesda
Columbia
Salisbury

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston (2)
Springfield
Waltham
Worcester

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor
Grand Rapids
Lansing
Marquette
Southfield
Troy

MINNESOTA

Bloomington
Brooklyn Park
Eagan
Hermantown
Rochester

MISSISSIPPI

Jackson

MISSOURI

Columbia
Kansas City (2)
Springfield
St. Louis (2)

MONTANA

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Helena

NEBRASKA

Lincoln
North Platte
Omaha

NEVADA

Las Vegas
Reno

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Concord

NEW JERSEY

Atlantic City
Lyndhurst
Princeton
Somerset

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque

NEW YORK

Albany
Brooklyn
East Syracuse
Endicott
Islandia
Manhattan (4)
Queens (Lake Success)
Rego Park
Rochester
Staten Island
Utica
Watertown
White Plains
Williamsville

NORTH CAROLINA

Asheville
Charlotte (2)
Greenville
Raleigh (2)
Wilmington
Winston-Salem

NORTH DAKOTA

Bismarck
Fargo

OHIO

Akron
Beachwood
Cincinnati
Columbus
Dayton
Gahanna
Maumee
Westlake

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City (2)

OREGON

Beaverton
Medford
Portland
Salem

PENNSYLVANIA

Allentown
Erie
Harrisburg
Horsham
Lancaster
Philadelphia
Pittsburgh (2)
Scranton
Wayne

RHODE ISLAND

Warwick

SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia
Greenville
North Charleston

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sioux Falls

WEST VIRGINIA

Charleston
Morgantown

WISCONSIN

Brookfield
Eau Claire
Kenosha
Madison
Milwaukee

WYOMING

Casper

U.S. Territories

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