

PTCB Certification and Pharmacy Technician Careers

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About PTCB

Founded in 1995 by leading professional pharmacy associations, PTCB is the nation's only non-profit pharmacy technician credentialing organization dedicated to the pharmacy profession.







Mission

PTCB advances medication safety by credentialing technicians who are qualified to support pharmacists and patient care teams in all practice settings.

Vision

PTCB sets the standard for credentialing of technicians that improves medication safety and patient care.



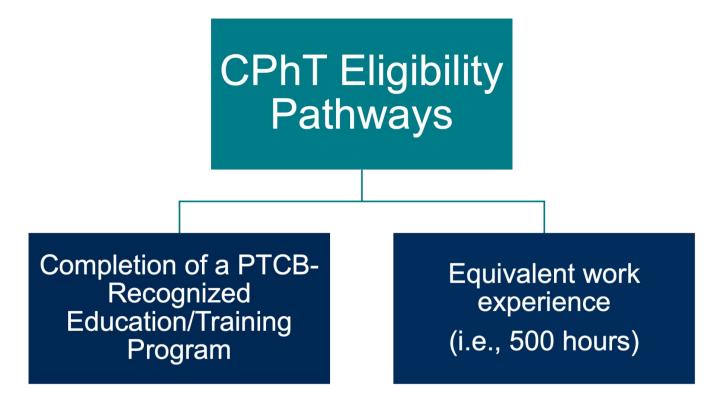
By the Numbers

- 840,000+ pharmacy technician certifications since 1995
- 300,000+ active Certified Pharmacy Technicians
- 2,000+ active Advanced Certified Pharmacy Technicians
- 1,600+ active Certified Compounded Sterile Preparation Technicians
- 14,000+ Assessment-Based Certificates granted



Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam

Candidates are required to pass the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) to earn the PTCB CPhT credential.



PTCE Knowledge Areas

Medications (40%)

Federal Requirements (13%)

Patient Safety & Quality Assurance (26%)

Order Entry & Processing (21%)





PTCE Quick Facts

- No minimum age requirement
- Accessible to all who are eligible
 - Pearson VUE Testing Centers
 - Online proctoring available
- 90 questions
 - 80 scored questions
 - 10 unscored questions
- 2 hour exam
 - 5-minute tutorial, 1 hour and 50-minute exam, and 5-minute post-exam survey
- \$129

PTCB Recognized Education/ Training Program (REP)

You can offer a pharmacy technician training program at your school

- CPhT Knowledge Requirements
 - Create Curriculum
 - Use a third party curriculum provider
- Annual attestation process
- Low barrier of entry to the profession*
- Recognition is free



Preparing for the PTCE



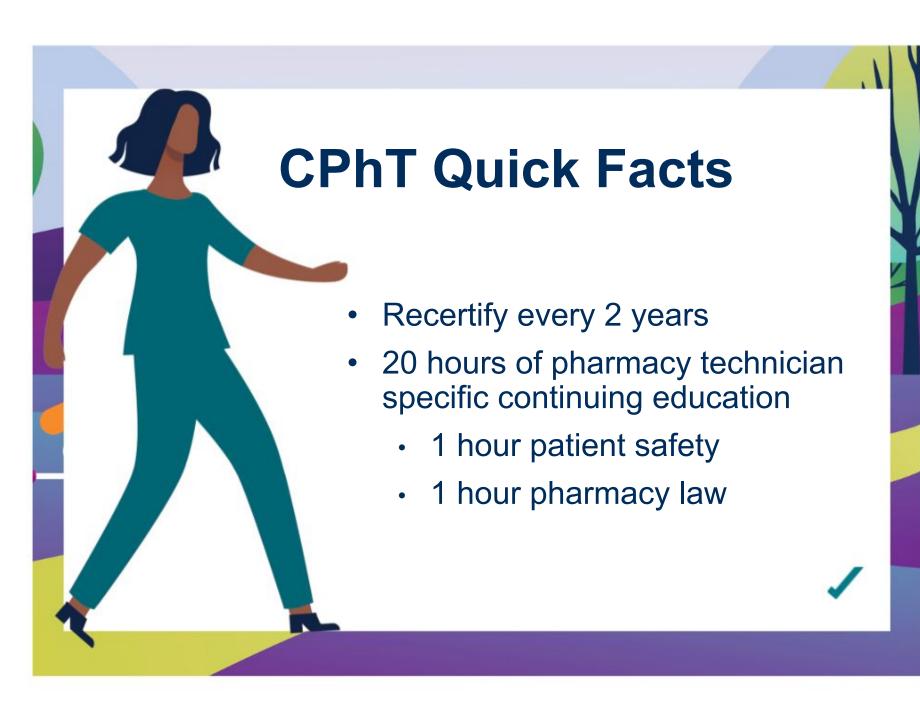
- 300+ former PTCE questions for real exam practice
- 400 flashcards covering drug facts, terminology, and other essential pharmacy knowledge
- Switch between Study Questions and Study Deck with ease
- Customize study by length, difficulty, and even choose between timed or untimed sessions
- \$65 for a 3 month subscription
 - Discounts available for bulk purchase

Preparing for the PTCE



- Built with retired PTCE questions and provides an authentic testing experience
- Instant feedback with explanations for every answer—get a score report with detailed breakdowns of strengths and areas for improvement
- \$29 per exam
 - Discounts available for bulk purchase







Exposure to Health Careers

Pharmacy technicians do not work only in local drug stores.





Advancement Opportunities

Certifications



Assessment Based Certificates

- 11 specialty areas to choose from
- 4 = CPhT-Adv



Choose PTCB CPhT

- Job satisfaction
- Employability
- Trust
- Career growth opportunities
- Dedication to patient safety
- Mission-driven non-profit dedicated to the pharmacy profession



Pharmacy Technician Educators Council (PTEC)

A division of PTCB, PTEC is a volunteer organization with a mission that unites, supports, and empowers educators in the education and training of pharmacy technicians.

Together, PTCB and PTEC assist the pharmacy profession in educating and training pharmacy technicians to adhere to best professional practices and promote the pharmacy technician's profession through professional activities.

- Individual membership
- Institutional membership
- Partner and Affiliate membership











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