

PHARMACY TECHNICIANS

COLLEGE & CAREER PATHWAYS | BIOSCIENCES

JOB DESCRIPTION

Pharmacy technicians work with pharmacists to help prepare and give out prescription medication. Working in pharmacies and hospitals, pharmacy techs do a lot behind the counter. They take prescriptions over the phone and in person, work with health professionals and customers, help mix medicines, count pills, measure medication, label and give instructions for medicine, and help take payments. Pharmacy techs are the liaison between the public and pharmacists, helping set up consultations and recommendations.



MEDIAN HOURLY EARNING

\$14.29

WHERE CAN I PURSUE ALIGNED TRAINING?

**DELGADO COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

**NORTHSHORE
TECHNICAL COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

WHAT SKILLS & TRAINING ARE NEEDED?

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS:

- **Customer Service Skills:** Every day, you will be talking to customers and healthcare professionals, answering questions and relaying information to pharmacists. You will need to be a good listener and speak to customers in a pleasant and cheerful way.
- **Attention to Detail:** Filling a prescription wrong can cause major illness. Pharmacy techs need to make sure they pay close attention to what they are doing, so that customers stay safe.
- **Organization:** You have many responsibilities, and a good pharmacy tech should be able to balance their duties to pharmacists and customers.

TRAINING: You must at least have a high school diploma or GED. Depending on the state you work in, you might have to pass an exam or take a training class. Most of your training will be done on-the-job.

There are associate degree or vocational courses in pharmacy technology you can take that will help you get ahead of the competition.

HOW DO I KNOW IF THIS IS A GOOD FIT FOR ME?

- You have strong customer service skills.
- You work well on teams.
- You work well under pressure.
- You enjoy science and chemistry.

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