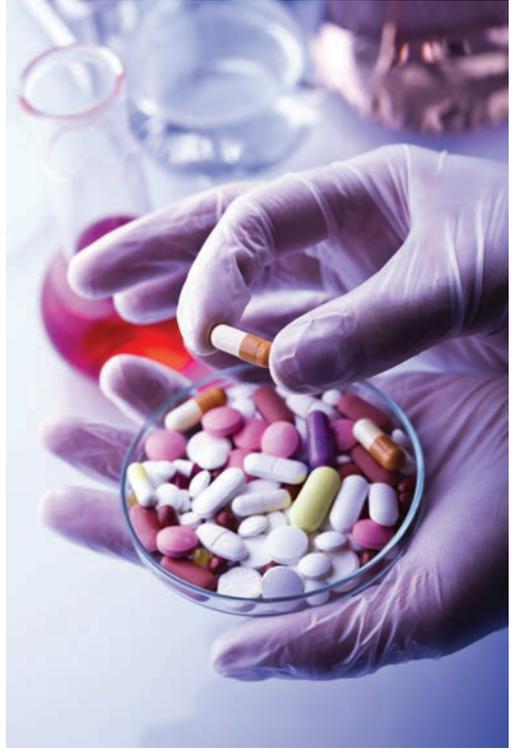


WHAT DO PHARMACY TECHNICIANS DO?

Pharmacy Technicians are responsible for assisting pharmacists dispense prescription medication to patients and consumers. They receive written prescriptions and refill requests, which they then prepare by measuring dosages, counting tablets, and creating and affixing labels.

Pharmacy Technicians are also responsible for administrative tasks which include inventory management, insurance billing, and maintaining patient information in the pharmacy computer system. They order, receive, and stock prescription drugs and supplies. To ensure each customer has a positive experience, they greet, answer questions and requests, and refer inquiries to the pharmacist.

Certified Pharmacy Technicians typically start their career ladder at retail pharmacies, assisted living facilities, mail-order pharmacies, and other pharmacies before moving on to medical centers and hospital settings.



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PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM



BAY AREA MEDICAL ACADEMY

“Best for the World” Bay Area Medical Academy prepares its students for a successful entry into the medical field. We provide a nurturing learning environment, where every student receives personalized attention. We structure our classes to ensure hands-on learning, keep a small student-to-teacher ratio, and provide additional coaching and lab practice hours for students who need it.

We develop a strong bond with each individual student that continues into their careers. Many of our students return to the Bay Area Medical Academy as volunteers, employment liaisons and teaching assistants.

ACCREDITATIONS AND APPROVALS

- Nationally Accredited through ACICS (Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools) and approved to operate by the California BPPE (Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education)
- Veteran (VA) Benefits approved
- Voted “Best for the World” 2012 & 2013 by B-Lab for creating a positive social impact; ranked top 10% in social performance, accountability, and transparency
- PTCB (Pharmacy Technician Certification Board) accepted program



THE PROGRAM

600

hours of classroom training

240

hours of clinical externship

Our comprehensive 600-hour Pharmacy Technician program and 240-hour clinical externship provides students with the technical knowledge and critical skills required to function as Pharmacy Technicians, and prepares them for the national Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE).

The program is divided into six modules. Each module is one unit of study and takes five weeks to complete. The last portion is the clinical externship (240 hours).

The 8.5 month program is designed to provide, through classroom and practical instruction, training in a variety of health care and retail settings. Students gain basic knowledge of pharmacology, pharmacy calculations, and the process used in prescribing, dispensing, and documenting medications. They also learn standards, ethics, and laws as they pertain to pharmacy practice and technicians.

After completing the classroom training, students will be placed in a six-week clinical externship (120 hours in retail setting, 120 hours in a hospital or assisted living facility).

The program prepares students to take the PTCE national certification exam, which certifies them as Certified Pharmacy Technicians (CPhTs). They then will be eligible for the state Pharmacy Technician license (issued by California State Board of Pharmacy).

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- General pharmacology and pharmacy
- Cardiovascular, nervous, and respiratory systems
- Infectious disease
- Endocrine, digestive, and renal systems
- Retail and inpatient pharmacy operations
- Herbal and alternative medicine
- Compounding and special unit procedure
- Eye, ear, nose and throat medication
- Geriatrics and pediatrics
- Oncology and psychopharmacology
- Pharmacy law and ethics
- Computer software applications
- Office procedures such as bookkeeping and insurance processing

PREPARE FOR CERTIFICATIONS



NATIONAL CERTIFICATION
Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam

CALIFORNIA STATE LICENSE
Pharmacy Technician License

CAREER SERVICES



Although employment is not guaranteed, Career Services are provided to all graduates.

-  Resume writing assistance and workshops
-  Interview workshops and one-on-one drills
-  Direct job referrals and job leads
-  Employer on campus days
-  Employer interview events

Our “Employer on Campus” program maintains long-term relationships with the leading Bay Area hospitals, clinics and labs. The program hosts employers at our campus in San Francisco for various presentations (“What We Look For In A New Hire”) and direct group interview sessions.

JOB OUTLOOK

Average starting pay: \$13-25 (depending on industry setting, location, and other variables)

Cities that offer highest compensation: San Jose, Oakland, and San Francisco

Employment growth: 34.7% National, as high as 33.6% in the Bay Area based on projected 10-year growth (2014-2024)*

Demand for pharmacy technicians is high due to:

- Aging baby boomer population
- Rising numbers of people being diagnosed and being prescribed medications
- New prescription drugs being approved and consumed
- Increase in insurance coverage due to health insurance reforms

Employers are looking for certified Pharmacy Technicians to:

- Provide excellent customer service
- Perform clinical tasks - measure and mix dosages, count tablets, inventory management
- Perform admin tasks - create labels, input computer entry, insurance billing
- Have detail-oriented personality and strong organizational skills

*CA Employment Development Department., www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/data/employment-projections.html