



Building Careers

Pharmacology

Pharmacy Technician

Pharmacy Technicians work under the direction of a licensed pharmacist and perform technical and clerical duties in the pharmacy. The technician may measure, mix, count out, label, and record amounts/dosages of medications according to prescription orders. Under the direction of a pharmacist, a pharmacy technician will prepare medications.

Pharmacy Technicians may work in hospitals, pharmaceutical laboratories, mail order pharmacies or in retail settings, such as CVS, Walgreens and local grocery stores.

Job Tasks

- Receive written prescription or refill requests and verify that information is complete and accurate.
- Prepack bulk medicines, fill bottles with prescribed medications, and type and affix labels.
- Answer telephones, responding to questions or requests.
- Maintain proper storage and security conditions for drugs.
- Assist customers by answering simple questions, locating items, or referring them to the pharmacist.
- Price and file prescriptions that have been filled.
- Establish or maintain patient profiles, including lists of medications taken by individual patients.
- Order, label, and count stock of medications, chemicals, or supplies and enter inventory data into computer.
- Receive and store incoming supplies, verify quantities against invoices, check for outdated medications in current inventory, and inform supervisors of stock needs and shortages.
- Mix pharmaceutical preparations, according to written prescriptions.

Career Outlook

| Average Salary | Average Entry-Level Wage | | Average Median Wage | | Average Experienced Wage | |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| | United States | \$9.89/hr | \$20,600/year | \$14.10/hr | \$29,300/hr | \$20.30/hr |
| Texas | \$10.89/hr | \$22,700/year | \$14.90/hr | \$31,000/year | \$19.76/hr | \$41,100/year |

| Available Jobs | 2012 Job Openings | 2022 – Projected Job Openings | Projected Growth 2012-2022 | Projected Annual Job Openings |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | United States | 355,300 | 426,100 | 20% |
| Texas | 27,510 | 34,880 | 27% | 1,220 |

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