

Why Be a Pharmacy Technician?

- ✓ *Learn about a fast-paced, interesting career with excellent income potential*
- ✓ *Gain knowledge that will help promote your personal well-being*
- ✓ *Be a critical member of the healthcare workforce*
- ✓ *Find jobs that are available nearly everywhere you may live*
- ✓ *Work in a professional environment*
- ✓ *Enjoy a large variety of work settings*

What do Pharmacy Technicians Do?

- ✓ *Assist pharmacists in the preparation and dispensing of medications*
- ✓ *With pharmacist approval, consult with customers regarding over-the-counter medications and natural products*
- ✓ *Maintain patient health record information*
- ✓ *Perform a wide range of practice-related duties*

Where Do Pharmacy Technicians Work?

- ✓ Retail Pharmacies
- ✓ Hospital Pharmacies
- ✓ Clinic Pharmacies
- ✓ Specialty Pharmacies

PLEASE NOTE: Students who wish to pursue education in programs or courses with direct patient care and/or controlled substance interaction are required to submit to federal background screening as established by BATC Policy, Educational Affiliation Agreements, and Utah Code. If an individual has been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor A, or a non-excluded misdemeanor, the individual may not provide direct patient care and/or work with controlled substances, which will result in the inability to enroll and/or complete the program. Misdemeanor charges will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis only if the misdemeanor did not involve any of the following: violence against a child, family member, or animal; or unauthorized sexual conduct with a child or disabled adult. Traffic violations do not usually exclude students from programs or courses.

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Pharmacy Technician

Pharmacy Technicians work directly under licensed pharmacists and perform various pharmacy-related functions.



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Employment Through Training

Frequently Asked Questions

ARE THERE ANY PREREQUISITES?

- ✓ You must be at least 18 years old.
- ✓ BATC's Academic Assessment must be taken before enrollment. For an appointment call 435-750-3188.
- ✓ Students must have good math and high school-level science skills.

WHEN CAN I BEGIN THE COURSE?

- ✓ The course begins every September.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE ME TO COMPLETE THE COURSE?

- ✓ The Pharmacy Tech course is approximately 630 hours all together and will be completed in under 12 months.
- ✓ The 450 hour classroom portion goes from September to April. Then you will participate in a 180-hour externship in an actual pharmacy.

HOW MUCH DOES THE COURSE COST?

- ✓ Tuition and Fees..... \$1435
- ✓ Books and other costs \$936
- ✓ All individuals working in a pharmacy as part of their pharmacy technician training program must have a pharmacy technician trainee license. This is a \$50.00 non-refundable fee, made payable to DOPL, which will be required to be submitted at the start of the program

WHAT TIME DOES THE CLASS MEET?

- ✓ Monday—Wednesday..... 5:30-9:30 p.m.
- ✓ Thursdays you can come 3 to 6 pm or 6 to 9 pm.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE COURSE?

- ✓ After passing the Academic Assessment, register with Student Services in person. The class is first come first served. There is no waiting list.

WHAT TOPICS ARE COVERED IN THE COURSE?

- ✓ Medical Terminology
- ✓ Pharmacy law and ethics
- ✓ Drug dosages and calculations
- ✓ Specific diseases and the medications used to treat them
- ✓ Drug distribution systems
- ✓ Packaging, inventory, drug delivery, bulk compounding
- ✓ Aseptic techniques

TELL ME ABOUT THE EXTERNSHIP.

- ✓ In order to pursue state licensure, you are required to complete an externship. To participate in an externship, you must earn an overall 85% throughout the course and on the final exam. You must be available a minimum of 15 hours per week throughout your externship.

WILL I BE PAID FOR THE EXTERNSHIP?

- ✓ It is generally not a paid position.



WHAT IS A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN'S STARTING WAGE?

- ✓ The average starting wage is between \$10-12 per hour in northern Utah.

WHAT CERTIFICATIONS WILL I RECEIVE?

- ✓ This course prepares you for national certification and Utah State licensure.

- **National Certification:** you are required to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) exam, which must be completed within one year from the start date of class.

- **Utah State Licensure:**

- ⇒ Complete and pass the course including 180 hours of externship
- ⇒ Pass the PTCB national exam
- ⇒ Complete the Utah Division of Professional Licensing (DOPL) application, and pay the \$100 DOPL fee (including background check fee).