



Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) Program

QUICK FACTS

- Initial certification fee is \$129
- Recertification fee is \$40
- Endorsed by the American Pharmacists Association, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy
- More than 650,000 CPhT certifications have been granted by PTCB nationwide

CPhTs Provide Critical Support to Pharmacists



“Pharmacists cannot do their jobs without qualified and committed pharmacy technicians. As pharmacists’ roles expand in direct care, we must be confident in technicians’ knowledge and skills.”

**APhA Executive Vice President and CEO
Tom Menighan, BSPHarm, MBA, ScD (Hon)**

Why choose PTCB?

PTCB is the nation’s leading certifying body for pharmacy technicians. Why do pharmacy employers, technician educators, and technicians seeking career advancement choose PTCB?

- **The most trusted** pharmacy technician certification program
- **The first** national certification program for pharmacy technicians in the US, founded in 1995
- **The most rigorous** and challenging program because patient safety demands it
- **The only** nationally accepted technician certification
- **Accepted** across pharmacy settings
- **Specialized** in pharmacy technicians and devoted solely to supporting them
- **Informed by research** through regular studies to strengthen PTCB Programs



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Earn your PTCB
CPhT Certification
to advance patient safety
in pharmacy practice



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Grow Your Career: Advanced Certification in Sterile Compounding

PTCB’s Compounded Sterile Preparation Technician™ (CSPT™) Certification program, launched in 2017, provides CPhTs an opportunity to further demonstrate their commitment to medication safety and a higher level of patient care in sterile compounding. Visit ptcb.org/cspt.

TOP ✓ 10 REASONS To Become PTCB Certified

1. Advance medication safety
2. Earn pharmacists' trust
3. Fulfill patient expectations for competent care
4. Carry a credential recognized in every state
5. Demonstrate to employers your dedication to patient safety
6. Stand out among colleagues
7. Increase your potential for career advancement
8. Fill essential roles on pharmacy teams across practice settings
9. Allow pharmacies to expand care services
10. Enjoy increasing demand: According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), employment of pharmacy technicians is expected to increase more than 12% by 2026.**

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Are you looking for a healthcare career that advances patient safety?

PTCB Certified Pharmacy Technicians (CPhTs) provide essential support to pharmacists and patient care teams in community pharmacies, hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, the military, physicians' offices, home health care, and other practice settings. PTCB CPhTs are prepared to advance safe and effective patient care across practice settings.

What is PTCB Certification?

PTCB is a non-governmental non-profit organization that grants certification, including the CPhT credential, to eligible individuals who complete the program and pass the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam® (PTCE®). PTCB Certification is required by many employers and fulfills many state registration/licensure requirements.

Who is Eligible?

Candidates must have, or be near completion of, a high school degree or its equivalent, and a record free of felony and/or criminal convictions. Beginning January 1, 2020, PTCB will require CPhT candidates to complete a PTCB-recognized education/training program or have equivalent work experience. A list of PTCB-recognized programs will be published on ptcb.org in 2019.

*Visit ptcb.org for specific recertification requirements.

**Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Handbook, April 2018 Edition

Three Steps to Becoming PTCB Certified

1. Visit ptcb.org, create your PTCB Account, and apply.
2. Schedule your test date to take the PTCE.
3. Prepare for and pass the PTCE.

The PTCE is conveniently available at more than 1,400 Pearson test centers nationwide, including more than 120 select military on-base test sites. Visit pearsonvue.com/ptcb to find a convenient location.

Two Steps to Staying PTCB Certified

Keeping your certification active is essential to your career. PTCB CPhTs are required to recertify every 2 years to maintain certification. This ensures CPhTs stay up to date on pharmacy practice.

1. Complete 20 hours of pharmacy technician-specific (T-specific) CE, including one hour in pharmacy law and one hour in patient safety.*
2. Apply for recertification at ptcb.org.

CPhT

responsibilities include:

- entering prescription orders
- operating dispensing systems
- maintaining inventories
- medication therapy management
- immunization assistance
- clinical testing support
- financial assistance
- transitions of care
- medication reconciliation