

# Credentialing Guidelines and Requirements

A Candidate Guidebook

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#### Scope of the PTCB Technician Product Verification (TPV) Assessment-Based Certificate Program

PTCB Technician Product Verification (TPV) certificate holders have demonstrated the knowledge and skill necessary to perform the final product check in both health-system and community pharmacy settings. Subject to additional state or facility requirements, they are ready to perform this vital function, thereby enabling pharmacists to focus on other areas of patient care.

#### PTCB TPV Assessment-Based Certificate Program Eligibility Requirements

A candidate must hold an active PTCB CPhT Certification and fulfill one of the following eligibility pathways:

**Pathway 1:** Completion of a PTCB-Recognized Technician Product Verification Education/Training Program.

**Pathway 2:** Completion of a state board-approved validation program.

#### TPV Exam

Passing the Technician Product Verification Exam is required to earn the PTCB Technician Product Verification Certificate. The TPV Exam is a computer-based exam administered at Pearson VUE test centers nationwide. The TPV Exam is a two-hour, multiple-choice, exam that contains 120 questions. One hour and 45 minutes are allotted for answering the exam questions and 15 minutes are allotted for a tutorial and post-exam survey.

#### TPV Exam Passing Score

As the TPV Exam is part of a new program, scoring will be delayed. Over the next 3-4 months, PTCB will conduct item and exam analysis and apply the same rigorous process for the TPV Exam after enough candidates have tested to determine the passing score. PTCB is committed to maintaining the prestige of PTCB credentials and making sure they meet the highest standards in the field.

#### Coming Soon: Advanced Certified Pharmacy Technician Credential

Earning your TPV Certificate takes you one step closer to becoming a PTCB Advanced Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT-Adv). Active PTCB CPhTs who have completed at least four of the certificate programs (including TPV and/or Medication History), or three certificate programs and the Compounded Sterile Preparation Technician (CSPT) Certification, and 3 years of work experience will be eligible to earn a CPhT-Adv as early as mid-2020.