

Registration Form:

The registration form can be obtained by going to www.jalc.edu/cbi. You can also call 618-985-2828, ext. 8510 to have a form mailed or faxed to you. All students must be registered and the course paid for before the first day of class.

Return form and payment to:

John A. Logan College Center for Business and Industry, 700 Logan College Road, Carterville, IL 62918 OR fax your registration, accompanied by complete credit card information to 618.985.2867.

Course Refunds and Cancellations

Once you are registered, you must call to cancel your enrollment. Refunds will not be given once the class has started. The College reserves the right to cancel any program and in such cases a full refund is made.

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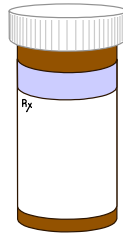
Illinois Mandates Certification

Beginning on January 1, 2010, within 2 years after being employed as a registered technician, a pharmacy technician must become certified by successfully passing the PTCB examination or another Board-approved pharmacy technician examination in order to continue to perform pharmacy technician's duties. This requirement does not apply to pharmacy technicians hired prior to January 1, 2008.

Completion requirements: Upon successful completion of the program students will receive a John A. Logan College Certificate of Completion and will be eligible to take the National Pharmacy Technician Exam. To receive the Certificate students must have a good attendance record as required by the instructor, complete all assignments, and successfully pass quizzes and exams. Although this is a CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT program, letter grades will be assigned.

Admission requirements: Students must possess a high school diploma or GED.

Length of program: 60 classroom hours.



For complete details about the Pharmacy Technician Training Program, contact Michelle Hamilton at John A. Logan College, 985-2828, ext. 8523. Or email michellehamilton@jalc.edu

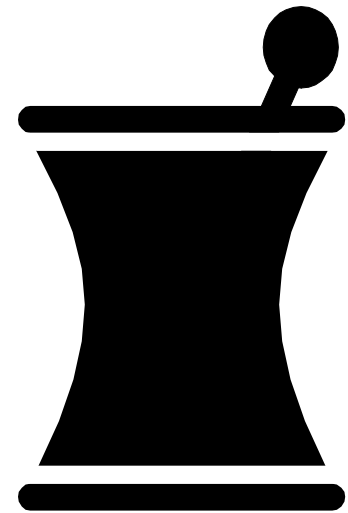
Check out <http://www.ptcb.org/> or <http://www.pharmacytechnician.com/> for details on Pharmacy Technician careers and certification.

"I am certain that a graduate with such an educational background would find immediate employment at pharmacies throughout southern Illinois and the health care workplace."

Fred Calcaterra. R.Ph.



CERTIFIED PHARMACY TECHNICIAN



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“The opportunity to have an individual with a background in health and knowledge of pharmacy would enhance the quality of health care that a pharmacy could provide.”

Gary Bandy, R.Ph.

Pharmacy Technician Definition

Pharmacy technicians (CPhT) are used in a wide variety of practice settings, including community pharmacies, hospitals, the military, in-home health care, long-term care, mail service facilities, managed health care facilities, and educational/training programs. For the purposes of national voluntary certification, pharmacy technicians are defined as individuals working in a pharmacy, who under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist, assist in pharmacy activities not requiring the professional judgment of a pharmacist. The pharmacy technician is accountable to the supervising pharmacist, who is legally responsible by virtue of state licensure, for the care and safety of patients served by the pharmacy.

Job Duties

Specific responsibilities will depend on the pharmacy setting and scope of practice. The following is a list of duties that a pharmacy technician might find in many practice settings:

- Assist pharmacist in labeling and filling prescriptions
- Assist patients in dropping off and picking up prescriptions
- Enter prescriptions into the computer
- Verify that customer receives correct prescription(s)
- Compound oral solutions, ointments, and creams
- Schedule and maintain work flow
- Prepackage bulk medications
- Screen calls for pharmacists

- Order medication
- Work with insurance carriers to obtain payments and refilling authority
- Prepare medication inventories
- Prepare chemotherapeutic agents
- Compound total parenteral nutrition solutions
- Compound large volumes of intravenous mixtures
- Assist outpatient dispensing
- Assist inpatient dispensing
- Prepare IV mixtures
- Assist with purchasing and billing

Growth in the Pharmaceutical Industry

The number of prescriptions filled by retail pharmacies in the United States will exceed 4 billion by 2005. Currently, the number is approximately 3 billion. The rising volume is due to primary factors: increasing population, aging of the population, increases in the number of people being prescribed a drug, and the number of prescriptions per person. In addition, there are new national guidelines for treatment of chronic diseases such as hyperlipidemia, diabetes and depression, as well as new government mandated coverages for fertility medications, diabetic medications and certain drugs previously considered “lifestyle” medications. The number of licensed pharmacists currently in the United States is about 196,000. The number is expected to climb by 28,500 in the next 10 years—that is, approximately 800 fewer than undertook the practice in the past decade. The number of full-time and part-time vacancies is about 7,000 positions, a 160% increase from 1998.

As the need for pharmacists increases, the role of the pharmacy technician also becomes more important. Increased recognition and regulation by state governments as well as the development of the national certification exam show the evolution of a profession that is developing a more complex skill set.

The role of the pharmacy technician is expanding, making it a more recognized and valued part of the health care field.

Knowledge, Skills, Training, & Education

State practice acts and employer policies determine training and education requirements. Below is a list of some characteristics that may be desired.

- Professional Attitude
- Strong Communication Skills
- Ability to Work in Teams
- Previous Customer Service Experience
- Ability to Type 35 Words a Minute
- Understanding of Medical Terminology and Calculations
- Attention to Detail
- Outgoing
- Hard Working
- Be a Quick Learner
- Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) Certification may be desired or mandatory

Salary Surveys

The pay of technicians depends on many factors, including PTCB certification, previous experience, employment setting, area of the country, and years practicing as a pharmacy technician. The average pay range is anywhere from \$8.50 to \$15.00 an hour and is usually based upon certification and length of employment. However, many CPhTs earn over \$15 an hour.

Free Job Placement