

Pharmacy Technician

36-week program /1080 hours

Quick Facts: Pharmacy Technicians	
2017 Median Pay	\$31,750 per year \$15.26 per hour
Typical Entry-Level Education	High school diploma or equivalent
Work Experience in a Related Occupation	None
On-the-job Training	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Number of Jobs, 2016	402,500
Job Outlook, 2016-26	12% (Faster than average)
Employment Change, 2016-26	47,600

What Pharmacy Technicians Do

Pharmacy technicians help pharmacists dispense prescription medication to customers or health professionals; working in a variety of pharmacy settings, including retail pharmacies and hospitals.

Pharmacy Technicians typically do the following:

- Take from customers or health professionals the information needed to fill a prescription
- Count tablets and measure amounts of other medication for prescriptions
- Compound or mix medications, package and label prescriptions
- Accept payment for prescriptions and process insurance claims, do routine pharmacy tasks, such as answering phone calls from customers. Pharmacy technicians work under the supervision of pharmacists, who must review all prescriptions before they are given to patients. If a customer's question is about the medication or health matters, the pharmacy technician arranges for the customer to speak with the pharmacist.

Pharmacy technicians working in hospitals and other medical facilities prepare a greater variety of medications, such as intravenous medications.

Wages for Pharmacy Technicians in SACRAMENTO, CA

Location	Pay Period	2017		
		Low	Median	High
United States	Hourly	\$10.58	\$15.26	\$22.58
	Yearly	\$22,000	\$31,750	\$46,980
California	Hourly	\$12.72	\$18.59	\$28.57
	Yearly	\$26,450	\$38,660	\$59,420
Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA MSA	Hourly	\$13.95	\$19.84	\$29.27
	Yearly	\$29,010	\$41,270	\$60,880

