

CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

# Pharmacy Technician



## Do You Like ...

- ... working with people?
- ... organization and detail?
- ... using basic math skills?
- ... listening to others?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' Pharmacy Technician career training program.

## SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a pharmacy technician, including:

- » Preparing medications under the direction of a pharmacist.
- » Measuring, mixing, counting, labeling, and recording amounts and dosages of medications according to prescription orders.
- » Establishing or maintaining patient profiles, including lists of medications taken by individual patients.
- » Receiving written prescription or refill requests and verifying that information is complete and accurate.
- » Maintaining proper storage and security conditions for drugs.

## EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:

- » Integrity and dependability
- » Self-control
- » Attention to detail
- » Concern for others

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a pharmacy technician, including having:

- » Strong math and reading skills
- » A high school diploma or the equivalent
- » Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests
- » A clean record and background check, meaning you can't have been convicted of a drug- or pharmacy-related felony within the last 5 years

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## CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have **gained the knowledge and skills** to help you **succeed in your career**. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a Health Care training program can earn **nationally recognized credentials** from the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) and a state-issued credential/license.

## CAREER OPTIONS

Most **Pharmacy Technician graduates go to work for pharmacies**, including those found in grocery stores, drug stores, and hospitals. Pharmacy technicians spend most of the workday on their feet. Since some pharmacies are open at all hours, technicians may work nights or weekends. Although most pharmacy technicians work full time, some work part time.



## SALARY

The average starting salary for most pharmacy technicians is **\$30,000/year**.

\*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit [www.mynextmove.org](http://www.mynextmove.org).



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