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This document is meant to supplement your research about the educational and certification requirements for working as a Pharmacy Technician on a state-by-state basis.

Students completing the Associate of Applied Science for Pharmacy Technology at Forsyth Technical Community College are eligible to sit for the ***Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE)*** to become nationally certified (CPhT) through the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB).

PTCB Certification is accepted in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico. PTCB Certified Pharmacy Technicians (CPhTs) work across the US in a wide range of pharmacy practice settings.

Regulations and requirements for certification, licensure, registration, and licensure renewal vary by state and change on an undefined schedule. Some states have no requirement for technicians to register with the State Board of Pharmacy, while other states have rigorous requirements related to formal education/training, practical experience, and national certification.

Technicians should be sure to contact the State Board of Pharmacy where they are seeking employment, and before they relocate to a different state, to learn about a state's complete and current pharmacy regulations.

Helpful Websites: [Pharmacy Technician Certification Board](#) and [Pharmacy Technicians State Regulations and Map](#)

Note: The following chart applies to those who have completed the certification program **and** have successfully passed the Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) certification exam. Additional requirements may apply for each specific state, including applications, documentation, licensing fees, liability insurance, continuing education courses, tests to meet each individual state's requirements, etc. Each state sets rules for whether your certification will be accepted. Successful completion of the PTCB CPhT Certification will allow for reciprocity in more states.

Disclaimer: As laws and regulations are constantly changing, please check the specific state board or agency for the most current information and requirements. Links have been provided for additional information for each state/territory.

State	Meets state educational Requirements (<i>with</i> CPhT Certification)	Does not meet educational requirements	Notes/Contact Information
American Samoa		X	Phone: (684) 633-1222 Email: pit@lbj.as Link: American Samoa Department of Health
Alabama		X	Phone: (205) 981-2280 Email: Contact Us Link: Alabama board of Pharmacy; Alabama Borad of Pharmacy Reciprocity Information <u>Summary:</u> Must register with the Alabama Board of Pharmacy and pass the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE).
Alaska	X		Phone: (907) 465-2550 Email: BoardOfPharmacy@Alaska.Gov Link: Alaska Professional License Board of Pharmacy <u>Summary:</u> Complete an on-the-job training program directed by a pharmacist-in-charge and register with the Alaska Board of Pharmacy.

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Arizona	X		<p>Phone: (602) 771-2727 Email: Contact Us Link: Arizona Technician License Information</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Register with the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician trainee and pass the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) or become nationally certified through the PTCB and register with the State Board as a pharmacy technician.</p>
Arkansas	X		<p>Phone: (501) 682-0190 Email: asbp@arkansas.gov Link: Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Register with the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy and either: Pass a test designed by the pharmacy board, or become nationally certified through the PTCB</p>
California	X		<p>Phone: (916) 518-3100 Email: Contact Us Link: California State Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Earn an associate degree in pharmacy technology, or; Complete a pharmacy technician training program accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), or; Complete a board-approved pharmacy technician training program that provides a minimum of 240 hours of training, or; Complete a pharmacy technician training program provided by a military branch, or;</p>

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			Graduate from a school of pharmacy accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), or; Become nationally certified through the PTCB.
Colorado	X		<p>Phone: (303) 894-7800 Email: dora_dpo_licensing@state.co.us Link: Colorado Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Must be nationally certified and registered with the Colorado Board of Pharmacy.</p>
Connecticut	X		<p>Phone: (860) 713-6070 Email: DCP.COP@ct.gov Link: Connecticut Pharmacy Technician Registration</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Complete on-the-job training under a pharmacy manager or become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency.</p>
Delaware	X (Certification Not Required)		<p>Phone: (302) 744-4500 Email: customerservice.dpr@delaware.gov Link: Delaware Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> There are currently no licensure requirements for pharmacy technicians in Delaware.</p>

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District of Columbia	X (Certification Not Required)		Phone: (202) 442-5955 Email: doh@dc.gov Link: DC Board of Pharmacy <u>Summary:</u> There are currently no licensure requirements for pharmacy technicians in Washington, DC, although registration may be required within the next several years.
Florida		X	Phone: (850) 245-4474 Email: info@floridaspharmacy.gov Link: Florida Board of Pharmacy <u>Summary:</u> Complete a pharmacy technician training program approved by the Florida Board of Pharmacy and register with the state board.
Georgia	X		Phone: (404) 651-8000 Email: Contact Us Link: Georgia Board of Pharmacy or Frequently Asked Questions <u>Summary:</u> Must register with the Georgia Board of Pharmacy and complete Pharmacy Technician Application Supplement .

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Guam		X	Phone: (671) 735-7139 Email: Contact Us Link: Guam Board of Examiners for Pharmacy
Hawaii	X		Phone: (808) 586-2697 Email: pharmacy@dcca.hawaii.gov Link: Hawaii Board of Pharmacy <u>Summary:</u> There are currently no licensure requirements for pharmacy technicians in Hawaii.
Idaho	X		Phone: (208) 334-3233 Email: BOP-info@dopl.idaho.gov Link: Idaho Board of Pharmacy <u>Summary:</u> Register with the Idaho State Board of Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician in training and pass the PTCE or another approved certification exam or become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency and register with the state board as a certified pharmacy technician.
Illinois	X		Phone: (888) 473-4858 Email: Contact Us Link: Illinois Pharmacy License Information <u>Summary:</u> Become nationally certified through the PTCB, complete a pharmacy technician training program, and

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			register with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.
Indiana	X		<p>Phone: (317) 232-2960 Email: pla4@pla.in.gov Link: Indiana Pharmacy Home</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Do one of the following and register with the Indiana Board of Pharmacy: Complete a pharmacy technician training program approved by the state board or become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency.</p>
Iowa	X		<p>Phone: (515) 281-5944 Email: Contact Form Link: Iowa Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Register with the Iowa Board of Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician trainee and pass the PTCE or another approved certification exam within a year of registration or become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency and register with the State Board as a certified pharmacy technician.</p>

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Kansas		X	Phone: (785) 296-4056 Email: pharmacy@ks.gov Link: Kansas Pharmacy Technician Information <u>Summary:</u> Register with the Kansas Board of Pharmacy and pass a test designed by the state board.
Kentucky	X (Certification Not Required)		Phone: (502) 564-7910 Email: pharmacy.board@ky.gov Link: Kentucky Pharmacy Technician Information <u>Summary:</u> Register with the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy.
Louisiana		X	Phone: (225) 925-6496 Email: info@pharmacy.la.gov Link: Louisiana Board of Pharmacy <u>Summary:</u> Register with the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician candidate, complete both 600 hours of on-the-job training and a board-approved training program and become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency.

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Maine	X (Certification Not Required)		<p>Phone: (207) 624-8620 Email: pharmacy.lic@maine.gov Link: Maine Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Complete an on-the-job training program and register with the Maine Board of Pharmacy. Technicians seeking “advanced” designation must also become nationally certified through the PTCB.</p>
Maryland	X		<p>Phone: (410) 764-4755 Email: MDH.MDBOP@maryland.gov Link: Maryland Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Do one of the following and register with the Maryland Board of Pharmacy: Complete a board-approved pharmacy technician training program that includes at least 160 hours of on-the-job training, or; Become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency.</p>

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Massachusetts	X		<p>Phone: (800) 414-0168 Email: pharmacy.admin@mass.gov Link: Massachusetts Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency and do one of the following before registering with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy: Complete a pharmacy technician training course accredited by the ASHP, or; Complete a board-approved pharmacy technician training program with at least 120 hours of practical instruction and 120 hours of theoretical instruction, or complete at least 500 hours of on-the-job training.</p>
Michigan		X	<p>Phone: (517) 373-8068 Email: BPL-BoardSupport@michigan.gov Link: Michigan Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Do one of the following and register with the Michigan Board of Pharmacy: Complete an employer-based pharmacy technician training program that cumulates in a board-approved exam, or become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency.</p>

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Minnesota		X	<p>Phone: (651) 431-2000 Email: DHS.info@state.mn.us Link: Minnesota Pharmacy Information</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Do one of the following and register with the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy: Complete a pharmacy technician training program accredited by the ASHP, or; Complete a board-approved, employer-based pharmacy technician training program that provides a minimum of 240 combined hours of practical and theoretical instruction; or complete a pharmacy technician training program provided by a military branch or by an accredited, board-approved institution or college.</p>
Mississippi	X		<p>Phone: (601) 899-8880 Email: licensing@mbp.ms.gov or compliance@mbp.ms.gov Link: Mississippi Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Register with the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy and become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency.</p>
Missouri	X (Certification Not Required)		<p>Phone: (573) 751-0091 Email: MissouriBOP@pr.mo.gov Link: Missouri Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Register with the Missouri Board of Pharmacy.</p>

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Montana	X		<p>Phone: (406) 444-6880 Email: DLIBSDHELP@MT.GOV Link: Montana Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency and register with the Montana Board of Pharmacy.</p>
Nebraska	X		<p>Phone: (402) 471-3121 Email: DHHS.LicensureUnit@nebraska.gov Link: Nebraska Licensure Information</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Register with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.</p>
Nevada		X	<p>Phone: (775) 850-1440 Email: pharmacy@pharmacy.nv.gov Link: Nevada Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Do one of the following and register with the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy: Perform 1500 hours of on-the-job training as a pharmacy technician-in-training, or become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency and perform 500 hours of on-the-job training as a pharmacy technician-in-training, or complete a pharmacy technician training program accredited by the ASHP and perform 350 hours of on-the-job training as a pharmacy technician-in-training, or; Complete a pharmacy technician training program conducted by the Indian Health Service or a branch of the military and become nationally</p>

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			<p>certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency.</p> <p>Technicians who have been licensed in another state can transfer their registration if the requirements for licensure in that state are equivalent to Nevada's requirements.</p>
New Hampshire	<p>X (Certification Not Required)</p>		<p>Phone: (603) 271-2152 Email: CustomerSupport@oplc.nh.gov Link: New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Register with the New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy.</p>
New Jersey	<p>X (Certification Not Required)</p>		<p>Phone: (973) 424-8150 (Option 3) Email: NJBOPOffice@dca.njoag.gov Link: New Jersey Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Register with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs.</p>

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New Mexico	X		<p>Phone: (505) 222-9830 Email: pharmacy.board@rld.nm.gov Link: New Mexico Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Register as a non-certified technician with the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy, complete an on-the-job training program directed by a pharmacist-in-charge, become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency, and apply for certified technician designation with the State Board.</p>
New York	X		<p>Phone: 518-474-3817, Press 1 then ext. 570. Email: Contact Us Link: New York Registered Pharmacy Technician Information</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> To meet the certification requirements for licensure as a registered pharmacy technician in New York State, you must receive certification from a nationally accredited pharmacy technician certification program acceptable to the Department.</p> <p>Currently, the Department will only accept certification from: Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) www.ptcb.org/ and National Health Career Association (NHA) www.nhanow.com/certifications/pharmacy-technician</p>

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North Carolina	X (Certification Not Required)		Phone: (919) 246-1050 Email: kmoore@ncbop.org Link: North Carolina Board of Pharmacy
North Dakota	X		Phone: (701) 877-2404 Email: mhardy@ndboard.pharmacy Link: North Dakota Board of Pharmacy <u>Summary:</u> Become nationally certified through the PTCB and do one of the following before registering with the North Dakota State Board of Pharmacy: Complete a pharmacy technician training program accredited by the ASHP, or; Complete an on-the-job training program directed by a pharmacist-in-charge.
Northern Mariana Islands		X	Phone: (670) 664-4808/4809 Email: info@cnmilicensing.gov.mp Link: Northern Mariana Islands Professions Licensing Board
Ohio		X	Phone: (614) 466-4143 Email: Contact Us Link: Ohio Pharmacy Technician Information <u>Summary:</u> Technicians in Ohio must either: Complete an employer-based on-the-job training program that cumulates in a board-approved exam, or; Become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency.

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Oklahoma		X	<p>Phone: (405) 521-3815 Email: pharmacy@pharmacy.ok.gov Link: Oklahoma Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Complete an employer-based on-the-job training program directed by a licensed pharmacist and register with the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy.</p>
Oregon	X		<p>Phone: 971-673-0001 Email: pharmacy.board@bop.oregon.gov Link: Oregon Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Register with the Oregon Board of Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician, complete an on-the-job training program directed by a pharmacist-in-charge, and pass the PTCE, or; Become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency and register with the state board as a certified pharmacy technician.</p>
Pennsylvania	X (Certification Not Required)		<p>Phone: (717) 783-7156 Email: ST-PHARMACY@PA.GOV Link: Pennsylvania Professional Licensing</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> There are currently no licensure requirements for pharmacy technicians in Pennsylvania.</p>

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Puerto Rico		X	Phone: (787) 765-2929 ext. 6645 Email: cristina.matos@salud.pr.gov Link: Puerto Rico Board of Pharmacy
Rhode Island	X		Phone: (401) 222-5960 Email: ridoh.covid19questions@health.ri.gov Link: Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy <u>Summary:</u> Do one of the following and register with the Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy: Complete a pharmacy technician training program accredited by the ASHP, or complete a pharmacy technician training program provided by a military branch or by an accredited, Board-approved institution or college, or become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency.
South Carolina	X		Phone: (803) 896-4700 Email: Contact.Pharmacy@llr.sc.gov Link: South Carolina Board of Pharmacy <u>Summary:</u> Register with the South Carolina Board of Pharmacy and nationally certified through the PTCB or ExCPT.

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South Dakota	X		<p>Phone: (605) 362-2737 Email: DOH.info@state.sd.us Link: South Dakota Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Register with the South Dakota Board of Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician-in-training, complete a board-approved pharmacy technician training program, and pass the PTCE, or become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency and register with the state board as a certified pharmacy technician.</p>
Tennessee	X (Certification Not Required)		<p>Phone: (615) 253-1299 Email: tn.health@tn.gov Link: Tennessee Board of Pharmacy</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Register with the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy.</p>
Texas	X		<p>Phone: (512) 305-8000 Email: general_info@pharmacy.texas.gov Link: Texas Board of Pharmacy</p> <p>Register with the Texas State Board of Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician trainee, complete a board-approved on-the-job training program, become nationally certified through the PTCB, and apply for registered pharmacy technician designation with the state board.</p>

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US Virgin Islands		X	Phone: St. Croix Office (340) 718-1311 St. Thomas Office (340) 774-9000 St. John Office (340) 776-6400 Email: deborah.richardson-peter@doh.vi.gov Link: US Virgin Islands Professional Licensure
Utah	X		Phone: (801) 530-6628 Email: b3@utah.gov Link: Utah Board of Pharmacy Register with the Utah Department of Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician trainee, complete an approved pharmacy technician training program that includes at least 180 hours of on-the-job training, become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency, and apply for pharmacy technician designation with the Department of Commerce.
Vermont	X		Phone: (802) 828-1505 Email: Contact Us Link: Vermont Board of Pharmacy Register with the Vermont Board of Pharmacy.

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Virginia	X		<p>Phone: (804) 367-4456 Email: pharmbd@dhp.virginia.gov Link: Virginia Board of Pharmacy</p> <p>Do one of the following and register with the Virginia Board of Pharmacy: Complete a board-approved pharmacy technician training program, or become nationally certified through the PTCB</p>
Washington	X		<p>Phone: (360) 236-4700 Email: HSQA.CSC@doh.wa.gov Link: Washington Board of Pharmacy</p> <p>Complete an approved pharmacy technician training program, become nationally certified through the PTCB or another approved certifying agency, and register with the Washington State Department of Health.</p>
West Virginia	X		<p>Phone: (304) 558-0558 Email: boardofpharmacy@wv.gov Link: West Virginia Board of Pharmacy</p> <p>Register with the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician trainee and complete an on-the-job training program that cumulates in a test designed by the state board, or become nationally certified through the PTCB, complete 20 hours of on-the-job training, and register with the state board as a pharmacy technician.</p>

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Wisconsin	X		<p>Phone: (608) 266-2112 Email: dsps@wi.gov Link: Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services</p> <p>There are currently no licensure requirements for pharmacy technicians in Wisconsin.</p>
Wyoming	X		<p>Phone: (307) 634-9636 Email: bop@wyo.gov Link: Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy</p> <p>Become nationally certified through the PTCB and register with the Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy.</p>