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Pharmacy Technicians

A red-eyed customer sneezes a few times before complaining that his usual allergy medicine isn't working this season. Can you help him find an alternative? Another customer learns that her doctor prescribed a medication that isn't covered by her insurance company. Is there another drug that works the same—and is covered by insurance?

If you are interested in a career working with people and problem solving, a career as a **pharmacy technician** may be for you.

Pharmacy technicians work with licensed pharmacists to fill prescriptions. They also advise patients about prescription and nonprescription drugs and health care products.

Are You Ready To...?

- Work for a retail pharmacy or health care facility
- Advise and help patients who are often feeling bad and moody
- Learn new pharmacy technology such as robotic dispensing machines
- Use math
- Call doctors' offices and insurance companies
- Work nights and weekends

It Helps To Be...

Alert, organized, responsible and patient. With such precise work, avoiding and spotting errors is crucial. The ability to take directions and work closely with pharmacists is as important as the ability to communicate calmly and clearly with patients.

A Day In The Life...

- Accept prescriptions for filling
- Adhere to safety procedures
- Answer customer or public inquiries
- Compound pharmaceuticals or medical preparations
- Dispense prescribed medications and pharmaceuticals

Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

Median Hourly Wage: \$15.64

*That comes out to more than
\$32,536 a year.*

**In 2016, we had
1,679 Pharmacy Technicians.
By 2026, we'll need 2,121.**

Could you be one of the 442?

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After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, many employers look for pharmacy technicians with a **certificate** from a community college or a **training program** through a pharmacy.



Top 5 Industries for Pharmacy Technicians

1. Health and Personal Care Stores
2. General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
3. Grocery Stores
4. Other General Merchandise Stores
5. Department Stores

Related College Majors

- Pharmacy technology (one-year certificate program)

Related Industry Certifications

- Certified Operating/Surgical Room Technician
- Certified Pharmacy Technician
- Pharmaceutical Clinical Trials
- Pharmaceutical Industry Knowledge

Related Careers

- Chemists and Materials Scientists
- Dental Hygienists
- Licensed Practical Nurses
- Medical Assistants
- Pharmacists
- Physical Therapist Assistants
- Physician Assistance

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