



Pharmacy Technician

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Get the training you need to earn your Pharmacy Technician certificate and you will be ready to find a more challenging and rewarding career ... today!

Millions of students have discovered online learning. Start on the path to a new career with accredited online training. By reviewing this information, you have already taken that important first step toward a better future.



Blackstone Career Institute's distance learning programs enable you to learn a new career at your own pace without disrupting your present job or lifestyle. Upon completion, you will have a Pharmacy Technician certificate, along with the skills and confidence necessary to obtain employment in one of the fastest growing career fields.



Why Choose to be a Pharmacy Technician

The Job of the Future

The demand for pharmacy technicians is expected to increase in the future, reflecting the rapid growth in the healthcare industry due to a population that is increasing in number as well as climbing in age. The number of prescriptions ordered by physicians will rise as the number of middle-aged and elderly patients, who use more prescription medications, increases.

The Career

The pharmacy technician's job is to work under the supervision of a pharmacist to provide pharmaceutical care. Technician duties vary from state to state, but may include computer entry of patient data; preparation of insurance claim forms; medication preparation/mixing, selection, counting and labeling; and ordering, receiving and stocking inventory. In some pharmacy settings, such as a hospital, technicians may review patient charts, prepare and deliver medications to nursing stations, and prepare products such as IV antibiotics.

Job Opportunities

Pharmacy technicians work in a variety of pharmacy settings, including hospitals, nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, independently owned pharmacies, drugstore chains, grocery stores, mass retailers, Internet pharmacies, mail-order pharmacies, physicians' offices, correctional institutions and pharmaceutical wholesalers.

Employment Outlook

Pharmacy technician is a growing field with great employment prospects for accurate and efficient workers. A skilled pharmacy technician can find employment in a health-system or retail pharmacy. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the number of pharmacy technicians employed in the United States is expected to grow up to 20% by 2022. (*U.S. Dept. of Labor Statistics, 2014-2015 Occupational Outlook Handbook*)

What You Can Earn

The U.S. Department of Labor Statistics lists the middle 50 percent of pharmacy technicians earning up to \$33,030. Working for a general medical or surgical hospital results in higher average earnings.



Certification

Students who graduate from Blackstone's Pharmacy Technician program are qualified to sit for the Exam for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ExCPT) sponsored by the National Healthcareer Association (NHA), and the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) offered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board. Certification provides further assurance of skills and knowledge to employers. Applicants for either exam must be 18 years of age or older, possess a high school diploma or G.E.D., and not have been convicted of a felony. Prospective students should check with their State Board of Pharmacy regarding specific state regulations concerning licensure, registration and certification requirements.





A Blackstone Education Provides ...

Superior Student Services

You are never alone when studying with Blackstone. Even though there is no formal campus or classrooms, we offer assistance to our students that is second to none.

Program Assistance

Our education department is only a phone call, fax, or e-mail away if you ever need help with your course studies. Use our toll-free number to access our staff or e-mail your questions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Thorough Testing

Eighteen multiple-choice exams, chapter self-checks, a keyboarding assignment, and a pharmacology final examination assist us in assessing your understanding of the concepts taught. Online testing is available through our Online Student Center.

Ample Time

Students are permitted up to one year to complete the program. There are no formal classes to attend, so you can study anytime, anywhere.

Affordable Tuition

The Pharmacy Technician Program tuition covers your entire program including all textbooks, study guides and study units, exam evaluation services, online access to Mosby's Drug Reference for Health Professions, access to the Online Student Center, and your certificate.

Financial Assistance

Blackstone serves all branches of the military and accepts 100% tuition assistance for its career training programs. Whether you are in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy or National Guard, you can use Tuition Assistance to pay for your Blackstone education. Military spouses can also enroll using the Military Spouse Tuition Program, which pays 100% of their tuition. Veterans can obtain tuition assistance under the G.I. Bill. Find out today if you are eligible by contacting Blackstone.

Many employers offer benefit programs to reimburse employees for tuition expenses. Check with your employer to see if you are eligible.

Payment plans are available for financing your career training. Call Blackstone at 1-800-826-9228 to find out more today!

Online Student Center

Included with your tuition, you will have online access to your study guides and study units, exams, grades, discussion boards, and more.

The Blackstone Facebook Page



Become a member of one of the premier social networking sites to chat with other students and share career advice. This is a great tool to keep you up to date on the latest news from Blackstone.

The Blackstone Career Center

Provides job search strategies, a job search databank, and career resources.





Online!

Benefits of Blackstone Online

- Online testing
- Instant results
- Access to your records
- Access to grades & transcript
- Online chats with students & faculty
- Download your lessons anytime, anywhere
- Online student support
- Web resources

Best of All ...

No Additional Charge
this is part of your standard tuition!

System Requirements



Reliable Internet Connection



An Active E-mail Account



Speakers/Working Sound System



Printer



**Most recent version of a web browser such as
Microsoft Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, or
Google Chrome**



Licensure, Accreditation and Memberships

Blackstone Career Institute's credentials are your assurance that Blackstone meets quality educational and business standards set by reputable organizations that have assessed our programs and business operations.

Blackstone is:

- Licensed by the State Board of Private Licensed Schools, Department of Education, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Nationally accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission, Washington, D.C.
- Regionally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools, Philadelphia, PA
- An accredited member of the Better Business Bureau with a rating of A+
- Member of the Greater Lehigh Valley, PA Chamber of Commerce
- Selected by *G.I. Jobs* magazine as a Military-Friendly School



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