



# Explore a Career as a **PHARMACY TECHNICIAN**

## **What do Pharmacy Technicians do?**

Pharmacy technicians work under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist and perform many pharmacy-related functions. They refer any questions regarding prescriptions, drug information, or health matters to a pharmacist. Pharmacy techs work in a wide variety of practice settings, including community pharmacies, hospitals, the military, in-home health care settings, long term care facilities, mail service pharmacies, managed health care organizations and educational programs. Pharmacy technicians working in hospitals and other medical facilities prepare a greater variety of medications, such as intravenous medications. They may make rounds in the hospital, giving medications to patients.

## **Training & Educational Opportunities**

You will have many employment opportunities as a pharmacy technician, but first you will need to complete training and earn a certificate. Coursework covers a variety of subjects, such as arithmetic used in pharmacies, recordkeeping, ways of dispensing medications and pharmacy law and ethics. Technicians also learn the names, uses and doses of medications.

## **As a Pharmacy Technician you will:**

- Accept payment for prescriptions and process insurance claims
- Answer phone calls from customers
- Collect information needed to fill a prescription from customers or healthcare professionals
- Measure amounts of medication for prescriptions
- Package and label prescriptions

## **Pharmacy Technicians are in demand in Kankakee County!**

Kankakee County employment of pharmacy technicians is expected to increase through 2020. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics recognizes the job outlook for this career as growing much faster than average.

# Pharmacy Technician

## Training Providers

The following certified training provider offers programs and certifications to train for a career as a pharmacy technician:

- South Suburban College

Career scholarships may be available if you qualify..



## Types of Employers

There are many types of employers looking to hire pharmacy technicians in Kankakee County, including:

- Drug stores
- Grocery stores
- Medical and surgical hospitals
- Pharmacies

## Wages & Openings

### Pharmacy Technician Employment Data for Kankakee County

Average Starting Hourly Wage	\$10.11
Average Hourly Wage With Experience	\$17.89
Average Annual Job Openings Kankakee County	11
Average Annual Job Openings Chicago Metro	187

## Opportunities

After earning your pharmacy technician certificate, you will have many opportunities for advancement and specialization. Some opportunities include:

- Nutrition Support Pharmacist
- Oncology Pharmacist
- Pediatric Pharmacist
- Pharmacist



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