

# Certified Pharmacy Technician

**Aligned Program of Study:** Therapeutic Services

## Description

Pharmacy technicians who want to work more effectively with pharmacists to offer better patient care and service take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) to become nationally certified. Benefits of this certification include an increase in job promotion opportunities, recognition within the pharmacy profession, and an increased focus on patient safety. Pharmacists recognize that certified pharmacy technicians demonstrate the qualifications and the knowledge necessary to function as a pharmacy technician through the examination. Individuals who meet eligibility requirements and pass the certification exam may use the designation CPhT (Certified Pharmacy Technician).

## Preparing to offer the certification

Required Instructor Qualification

CTE teachers with a Health Science endorsement are eligible to prepare students for this certification.

Materials and Resources

Preparation material availability varies by test owner and vendor.

## Vendors with Data Sharing MOU with TDOE

Materials, resources, registration, testing sites, test details, and prices vary by vendor. The following vendors are accredited by the <i>Institute for Credentialing Excellence</i> .		
* indicates a data-sharing agreement MOU with TDOE		
Test Owner	Test Vendor	Test Information
<a href="#">Pharmacy Technician Certification Board</a>	<a href="#">Pearson VUE</a>	<a href="#">Test handbook</a>
<a href="#">National Health Career Association*</a>	<a href="#">PSI Exams</a>	<a href="#">Online instructions</a>

## Other things to consider when selecting a test owner

Accreditation is the process by which a credentialing or educational program is evaluated against defined standards and is awarded recognition if it complies with those standards. The Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) currently offers accreditation to professional certification programs through the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), which is recognized by the Department of Defense. All Health Science promoted industry certification credentialing companies are accredited through ICE.