

## Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT)

**Aligned Program of Study:** Therapeutic Clinical Services

**Aligned Course:** Pharmacological Science (6133) followed by Clinical Internship (5933)

### Accreditation

Accreditation is the process by which a credentialing or educational program is evaluated against defined standards and is awarded recognition if it is in compliance 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.

### 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 of 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).

### Materials and Resources

#### Practice Tests

- Free practice tests are available on the [TN Electronic Library](#) under “Test Prep.”
- A practice test is available at <http://www.ptch.org> for \$29

### Testing Sites

The PTCE is available year round at over 200 Pearson Professional Centers nationwide. See the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board’s website for more information at <http://www.pearsonvue.com/ptcb/>.

### Test Owner and Registration

Pharmacy Technician Certification Board  
2215 Constitution Avenue NW, Ste. 101  
Washington, DC 20037  
Phone: (800) 363-8012

## Registration Procedures

- PTCB accepts applications for the PTCE year-round on a continual basis. Candidates apply for certification online.
- Scheduling an Exam Appointment:
  - Candidates schedule appointments directly with Pearson VUE online by visiting [www.pearsonvue.com/ptcb](http://www.pearsonvue.com/ptcb).
  - Candidates may also call (866) 902-0593 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. CT, Monday through Friday, to schedule an appointment.
  - Candidates will receive a confirmation email after scheduling an appointment.

<b>Exam Codes</b>	Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT)
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ptcb.org">www.ptcb.org</a> , <a href="http://www.pearsonvue.com/ptcb">www.pearsonvue.com/ptcb</a>
<b>Number of Questions</b>	90 questions
<b>Type of Questions</b>	<p>90 multiple choice questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pharmacology of Technicians 13.75%</li> <li>● Pharmacy Law and Regulations 12.75%</li> <li>● Sterile and Non-sterile Compounding 8.75%</li> <li>● Medication Safety 12.5%</li> <li>● Pharmacy Quality Assurance 7.5%</li> <li>● Med Order Entry and Fill Process 17.5%</li> <li>● Pharmacy Inventory Management 8.75%</li> <li>● Pharm Billing and Reimbursement 8.75%</li> <li>● Pharm Information Systems Usage and Application 10.00%</li> </ul>
<b>Length of Test</b>	2 hours
<b>Price</b>	\$129

## Other Options:

If you are interested in using a different company to provide testing for your students, the following has been accredited by ICE:

- [National Healthcareer Association](#) provides Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT)