

How to Get Your Pharm. Tech License 10/27

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Ice Breakers in Chat

Rx Tech Roles and Overview

- Fill Prescriptions
 - Hands them off to pharmacist and they sign it off
- Handles Insurance
 - Communicates with insurance companies
- Handles Stock
- Talk to patients

How to Get Your License

- Path 1
 - Take a course or work 500 hours
 - Take and Pass the PTCE
 - Apply for a license
 - Work and renew your license every 2 years
- Path 2
 - Work 240 hours at a pharmacy
 - Get certified in the state of CA
 - Renew the license every 2 years

PTCE

- 90 multiple choice
 - 10 are unscored
- 2 hours to complete the exam
 - 5 minute tutorial to pick the answer
 - 5 minutes as a post survey
- Passing Score = 1400
 - Scores usually between 1000-1600

- New! (Since last year 2020) - you need to complete a PTCB approved course OR have 500 hours completed as a pharmacy technician
- Exam Topic Breakdown
 - Medication - 40%
 - Federal Requirements - 12.5%
 - Control schedules, DEA, etc.
 - Order + Entry Processing - 21.25%
 - Compounding procedures, math, lot numbers, NDC
 - Patient Safety + Quality and Insurance - 26.25
- How to apply for the exam
 - Make an account at <http://www.ptcb.org>
 - Order the exam (costs \$129)
 - Once approved an email confirmation will be sent
- On exam day
 - Arrive and check in 30 minutes early
 - Bring an approved form of ID
 - Preliminary results show right after the exam
 - Official results show up 2-3 weeks afterwards
- Recommended Resources
 - RxTech Exam
 - Costs \$200-250
 - PTCB recognized
 - Online Practice Exams and Quizzes
 - PTCB has a practice exam but it costs money
 - But gives you a better example of what the actual exam will be like
 - Mosby's Review for Pharmacy Tech certification
 - 3rd edition works fine!
 - Other resources
 - <http://ptcbtestprep.com/ptcb-blog/>

- <http://www.pharmacytechshq.com/resources-library/>

Certification

- State Board of Pharmacy
 - Application fee is \$195
 - Pharmacy Tech Application
 - SSN or Taxpayer Identification Number
 - A passport style photo
 - *Taken within 60 days of filling the application*
 - Proof of education
 - High school transcript!
 - PTCB Certification
 - Self Query Report
 - Obtained from NPDB
 - Fee required (~\$10)
 - Fingerprint Live Scan
 - *Taken within 60 days of filling the application*
 - Price varies (\$45-60)
 - Application process will take about 45 days to be processed

License Renewal

- Done every 2 years
- Open 60 days before expiration
- Need to complete a minimum about 20 hours of Continuing Education
- Renewal fee of \$200

Tips

- Set a schedule for studying to give yourself enough time
- Take advantage of online study resources
- Make sure you have all your materials for your application
- After you pass your exam but waiting for results for your license you can start replying for your jobs already

Q&A

- Do you need a pharm tech license for pharmacy school?

- A: You don't, it helps but it is not needed
- How do you work as a pharmacy technician without being licensed?
 - A: You can do order pick up and order drop off, but not fill prescriptions
- Was it difficult to get a job without being licensed?
 - It would be more competitive in the Davis area with more students and it depends on the pharmacy. It's very case by case basis.
- Is the RxTech Course a work at your own pace type of course?
 - Yes it is! You just have a certain amount of time to finish it.

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