

# Pharmacy Technician

**Entry wages (2014):** \$12.24 per hour or \$25,459 annually

**Projected growth (2015-2025):** Faster than average at 20.1% in Tarrant County

## What will you do?

Pharmacy technicians help pharmacists dispense prescription medication to customers or health professionals.

## Where will you work?

Pharmacy Technicians work in hospital pharmacies, retail pharmacies, home health care pharmacies, long term care pharmacies, clinic pharmacies, mail-order prescription pharmacies, and pharmaceutical companies. They work under the supervision of a state licensed Pharmacist.

## What Experience do you need?

To enter into this field, it requires registration with The Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP). The state authority in in licensing/registration of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacies is [The Texas State Board of Pharmacy](#) (TSBP).

## What type of Job Training do I need?

On the job training is the only training requirement. Currently, there is no formal education requirement; however, TSBP recommends accredited formal education. TSBP has designated as “Board Approved Programs” any program that is currently accredited by American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). [Click here for a list of ASHP accredited programs.](#)

Although, there is no state approved training, it is recommended Pharmacy Technicians to be both registered with TSBP and maintain their certification status with the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB), a nationally recognized certification. TSBP requires pharmacy technicians to have a current PTCB certification after initial registration with the state. Afterwards, the technician can choose whether or not to maintain the PCTB certification.

Pharmacy Technicians must renew their registration every two years at the Texas State Board of Pharmacy. Pharmacy Technicians must complete 20 hours of approved CE per renewal period in pharmacy related subjects. Pharmacy technicians are required to maintain records of completion of continuing education for three years from the date of reporting the hours on a renewal application. TSBP will randomly audit the records of pharmacy technicians for verification of reported continuing education credit.



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## What else should I know?

For criminal background applicants please check each [The Texas State Board of Pharmacy](#). License and registrations can be verified online by employers with the TSBP.

# Approved Tarrant County Training Programs

Provider	Program Name	Hours (Contact/Credit)	Cost	Pell Eligible
Tarrant County College-Northeast	Pharmacy Technician	384/0	\$1,850.00	No
Texas A &M	Pharmacy Technician Program (Online-CS)	285/0	\$1,995.00	No
Texas A &M	Pharmacy Technician with Externship (Online)	330/0	\$1,995.00	No
University of Texas at Arlington	Pharmacy Technician	200/0	\$5,179.00	No
CCI Training Center, Inc.	Pharmacy Tech and Lab Procedures	776/28	\$9,995.00	Pending

The cost of training reflected on this page is set by the training provider and does not reflect Tarrant County WIOA funding amounts. All services are subject to availability and funding.

\*This information is subject to change. See a Workforce Center Career Counselor for more information.



# DRAFT Career Pathway Map – Pharmacy Technician Occupation

