

PHARMACY TECH CAREER LADDER

Pharmacy technicians often work in retail, institutional, and mail-order pharmacies and have various responsibilities, depending on state rules and regulations. Technicians receive written prescription requests from patients. They verify that the information on the prescription is complete and accurate. To prepare the prescription, technicians retrieve, count, pour, weigh, and sometimes mix the medication. Then they prepare the prescription labels, select the type of container, and affix the prescription and auxiliary labels to the container. Once the prescription is filled, technicians price and file the prescription, which must be checked by a pharmacist before it is given to the patient. Technicians may establish and maintain patient profiles, as well as prepare insurance claim forms.

5+ YEARS
EXPERIENCE

REGIONAL PHARMACY TECHNICIAN MANAGER

\$47,000 - \$54,000/yr

Oversees the work of a team of Pharmacy Technicians that are responsible for dispensing medical prescriptions. Develops work schedules and hires and trains new employees. Fills prescriptions and monitors stock as needed. Familiar with a variety of the field's concepts, practices, and procedures. Relies on experience and judgment to plan and accomplish goals. Performs a variety of complicated tasks. Leads and directs the work of others. A wide degree of creativity and latitude is expected.

Education

Associate Degree - Bachelor's Degree

3+ YEARS
EXPERIENCE

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN SUPERVISOR

\$32,000 - \$37,128/yr

Under the direct supervision of a registered pharmacist, compounds and dispenses medical prescriptions. May be expected to perform some clerical duties relating to the department. Receives and stores incoming supplies. Verifies stock and enters data in computer to maintain inventory records. Familiar with a variety of the field's concepts, practices, and procedures. Relies on experience and judgment to plan and accomplish goals. Performs a variety of complicated tasks. May lead and direct the work of others. Typically reports to a manager or supervisor. A wide degree of creativity and latitude is expected.

Education

High School Diploma - Associates Degree

ENTRY LEVEL

REGISTERED PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

\$29,000 - \$32,000/yr

Under the direct supervision of a registered pharmacist, compounds and dispenses medical prescriptions. May be expected to perform some clerical duties relating to the department. Receives and stores incoming supplies. Verifies stock and enters data in computer to maintain inventory records.

Education

High School diploma, Vocational certificate