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Pharmacy Technician

Pharmacy Technicians, also known as Pharmacy Assistants or Pharmacy Aides, work under the direction of a licensed Pharmacist. Pharmacy Technicians support pharmacists in providing medications and other health care products to patients. Their duties may include: checking for authenticity, accuracy, and completeness of

prescriptions/physicians orders; filling and labeling of prescriptions; prepackaging tablets/capsules;; maintaining drug inventories; and maintaining all records and files. In retail pharmacy settings the Pharmacy Technician may deal directly with customers, handle insurance forms, and run a cash register.

Pharmacy Technician Facts:

Where do pharmacy technicians work in Alaska?

Pharmacy technicians work wherever pharmacists are employed. In rural Alaska they may be employed by hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, private and chain drug stores, and research laboratories.

Educational Requirements

- A high school diploma or equivalent.
- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Fluent in reading, writing, and speaking English.
- Math proficiency (pre-algebra), keyboarding proficiency, and computer proficiency.
- Must have an active Alaska State Pharmacy Technician License.

Hourly Wage Range:

\$13.74-\$24.74 (Mean \$18.85)
**based on Alaska DOL data*

Years in School:

2 years or less (after high school graduation).

Academic Programs in Alaska

Training has traditionally been on-the-job. However, more pharmacies are looking for formally trained Pharmacy Technicians for improved customer quality and safety and to meet the immediate shortage.

UAA offers an Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Pharmacy Technology which includes six distance delivered courses. At the completion of these courses, students would be adequately prepared to pass the national certification examination administered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB). For more information on the UAA Pharmacy Technician Program, contact:

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State Contacts:

Alaska Pharmacists Association

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State of Alaska

Dept of Commerce and Economic Development
Div of Occupational Licensing, Board of Pharmacy
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