

Your Career as a Pharmacy Technician. Your training at Byrnes' Pharmacies may lead to:

Occupational Description

Pharmacy technicians assist licensed pharmacists by performing duties that do not require the professional skills and judgment of a licensed pharmacist and assisting in those duties that require the expertise of a pharmacist. Pharmacy technicians are employed in every practice setting where pharmacy is practiced, including institutional, community, home care, long-term care, mail order, and managed care pharmacies. Technicians are also employed in education, research, and the pharmaceutical industry.

Technicians may be trained on the job or by completing a formal program. Some formal training programs meet the program accreditation standards established by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. After completing their training, technicians may become a Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) by successfully taking the national certification examination offered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board.

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According to the 1991-1994 Scope of Pharmacy Practice Project, pharmacy technicians spend their time in the following ways:

- collect, organize, and evaluate information to assist pharmacists in serving customers.
- develop and manage medication distribution and control systems; about half of this time is spent preparing, dispensing, distributing, and administering medications
- provide drug information and education.

The time spent on these tasks may vary widely for many reasons, including the wide range of training and qualifications of pharmacists, the use of technicians as directed by a given supervisory pharmacist, and variations in state pharmacy practice laws.

The *ASHP Accreditation Standard for Pharmacy Technician Training Programs* specifies that graduates of programs should be able to perform the following functions (among others):

- Assist the pharmacist in collecting, organizing, and evaluating information for direct patient care, drug use review, and departmental management.
- Receive and screen prescription medication orders for completeness and accuracy.
- Use pharmaceutical and medical terms, abbreviations, and symbols appropriately.
- Prepare and distribute medications in a variety of health system settings.
- Perform arithmetical calculations required for usual dosage determinations and solutions preparation.
- Use knowledge of general chemical and physical properties of drugs in manufacturing and packaging operations.

- Use knowledge of proper aseptic technique and packaging in the preparation of medications.
- Collect payment and/or initiate billing for pharmacy services and goods.

If you plan to become a registered pharmacist, here are the job description and requirements for employment as a registered pharmacist at Byrnes Pharmacies:

Pharmacist - The successful candidate must be a graduate of an ACPE-accredited School of Pharmacy with a BS Pharmacy degree. Pharm D preferred. Currently licensed to practice pharmacy in the state of Marshall. Retail pharmacy experience preferred or health system experience. Ability to work independently with minimal direct supervision. Ability to work cooperatively with pharmacy staff. Ability to handle frequent interruptions and adapt to changes in workload and work schedule. Ability to set priorities, make critical decisions, and respond quickly to emergency requests. Ability to exercise sound professional judgment. Ability to communicate effectively (orally and in writing). Ability to meet the pharmaceutical care needs of neonatal, pediatric, adolescent, adult, geriatric, psychiatric, oncology, obstetric, chemically dependent, rehabilitation, and skilled- nursing patients. Pharmacist will adhere to all federal, state, and institutional laws and regulations pertaining to the procurement, storage, dispensing, and destruction of scheduled and legend medications.

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