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PTAC Biannual Meeting October 24-25, 2024, Bethesda, Maryland

Program Accreditation/Reaccreditation

The ASHP and ACPE Boards of Directors approved the following survey site visit reports reviewed by the commission for accreditation: 13 new programs and 9 previously accredited programs seeking reaccreditation. Midterm reports (9) and special case reports (15) were also reviewed. As of the date of the meeting, 256 programs are in the accreditation process which includes accredited programs and programs in candidate status.



PTCB Update

Ryan Burke, Director of Professional Affairs at PTCB, provided an update on PTCB activities. In 2024, PTCB conducted a comprehensive job analysis study to ensure that the Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) credential remains relevant and aligned with current pharmacy practice. Notable changes to the study include removal of content pertaining to non-sterile compounding and narrow therapeutic index medications along with the addition of knowledge area pertaining to Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA). Further, the content distribution across the four domains was realigned.

A panel consisting of 11 CPhTs and two pharmacists, representing a variety of pharmacy practice settings, served as subject matter experts (SMEs) throughout the process. The panel's main responsibilities included developing the content for national surveys of pharmacy technician practice, reviewing analyses of the survey data, and making recommendations to the PTCB Certification Council.

The panel developed two surveys, one consisting of tasks performed by pharmacy technicians and the other focusing on knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) required to effectively perform the pharmacy technician job. Non-certified pharmacy technicians and all PTCB CPhTs nationwide were invited to participate.

The PTCB Certification Council reviewed the panel's recommendations in August 2024 and approved an updated [PTCE Content Outline](#) and [CPhT Knowledge Reference](#) for implementation in January 2026.

Please see <https://www.ptcb.org/news/2024-job-analysis-study> for additional information.

Ryan also provided an overview of PTCE Practice Tools (PTCE Practice Bank and Pre-PTCE test) noting that users who pass the Pre-PTCE test are 2.9 times as likely to pass PTCE with 86% of users who passed Pre-PTCE also passing PTCE.



Legislative Updates

Kyle Robb described key pharmacy technician policy hot topics including scopes of practice; oversight and supervision; training, education, and credentialing; and, pharmacy technician seats on boards of pharmacy (20 states plus Washington, DC and Puerto Rico currently have dedicated pharmacy technician board seats).

In October 2024, Connecticut (CT) established two new occupational categories – Advanced Pharmacy Technician and Clerk – neither of which count towards the existing 3:1 pharmacist -to-technician ratio. Advanced Pharmacy Technicians may perform technology-assisted final product verification and specimen collection for lab testing. Requirements for CT Advanced Pharmacy Technician include 3 years prior experiences, PTCB certification or Board-approved equivalent; and completion of immunization training. Clerks must also register with the Board and approved duties include delivering medications to patients and to automated dispensing machines, collecting demographic information, returning stock to inventory, conducting inventory management, collecting prescription numbers for the purposes of refills, and performing the duties of a cashier. Connecticut also approved new technician trainee requirements requiring enrollment in, or under the supervision of a pharmacist who is an instructor in an accredited pharmacy technician education program.

Other key data points include states that require pharmacy technicians to be licensed, registered or certified with the State Board of Pharmacy (48 states plus Washington, DC and Puerto Rico). Currently, 15 states plus Puerto Rico issue technician licenses; 34 states plus Washington, DC register technicians. Annual fees range from \$10 (Kansas) to \$100 (Louisiana); Delaware and Hawaii do not require technicians to register with the Board.



Policy variations among the states along with advocacy opportunities and development of an ASHP Technician Product Verification Model Legislation were discussed. A resource center has been developed and can be found at the following link: <https://www.ashp.org/advocacy-and-issues/key-issues/pharmacy-technicians/pharmacy-technician-product-verification>

The Pharmacy Technician SocietySM (TPTS)



The Pharmacy Technician Society (TPTS) — New Leadership Opportunities

TPTS welcomes nominations for the Board Elective Offices as well as recommendations for Committee Appointments. Though the deadlines for this year's nominations have passed, please look for the announcement next year in December/January if you know a skilled pharmacy technician who would be a strong candidate for these positions.

Revised - ASHP/ACPE Regulations on Accreditation of Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Programs (Effective July 15, 2025)

PTAC voted to approve the Revised - ASHP/ACPE Regulations on Accreditation of Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Programs (*effective July 15, 2025*). Key changes to the Regulations include:

- Duration of full-cycle accreditation increased from six years to eight years.
- Expansion of the required Annual Program Assessment Report for accredited programs to include identification of substantial program changes that may impact the quality of the program.
- Programs awarded full cycle accreditation will no longer be required to submit midterm reports (the Expanded Annual Program Assessment Report will have more pinpointed questions to address areas that would have been addressed in midterm reports). Programs not awarded full cycle accreditation will still be required to submit periodic special case reports when requested.

Standard Revision 2024-2025

Progress on the revision of the Standard is ongoing with anticipated completion by July 2025.

Reminder: ASHP/ACPE Online Directory Revisions

Please remember to update your online directory!

It's essential to review your online directory page each time you receive the Tech Tablet! This is the way that we maintain our database. The directory provides a valuable recruitment tool for those looking for those programs that are ASHP/ACPE accredited or in the accreditation process.

Note: All programs currently have the ability to update their own program information in the directory with the exception of the program director and organization names. These items must be reported to asd@ashp.org as soon as possible and office staff will update the information listed as exceptions.

Resources

Resources for Program Development

[Accreditation Standards, Regulations, and Other Tools](#)

[Guidance Document](#)

[Model Curriculum](#)

[Curriculum Crosswalk Example](#)

[Applying for Accreditation - Guidelines and Application Form](#)

Informational Videos

[10 Key Steps to ASHP / ACPE Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Program Accreditation \(December 2018\)](#)

[2019 ASHP/ACPE Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Accreditation Standards \(video 1 of 2 - December 2018\)](#)

[2019 ASHP/ACPE Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Accreditation Standards \(video 2 of 2 - December 2018\)](#)

[From Application to Site Survey: Beginning the Accreditation Process for Technician Programs \(2022\)](#)

Governance

Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission (PTAC) Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)

Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) Pharmacy Technician Education Accreditation Collaboration

American Society of Health-system Pharmacists (ASHP)

Education and Workforce Development

The Pharmacy Technician Society (TPTSSM) Pharmacy Technician Educators Council (PTEC) Pharmacy Workforce Center (PWC)

Other Resources

Pharmacy Technician Development: [ASHP Store](#)
(search for Pharmacy Technicians under the Topics section)

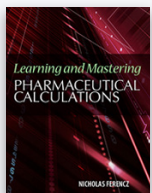
[PTCB's Practice Tools](#)

Products and Services



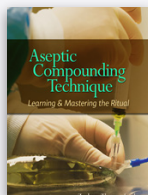
Earn an ASHP Professional Certificate in Sterile Product Preparation Training

This Professional Certificate program develops the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare sterile products safely and effectively. Participants will learn the history and evolution of aseptic processing as it relates to today's practice standards and will be taught the behaviors and skills required of all personnel engaged in compounding sterile products. The program reflects all pending changes associated with USP Chapter <797> and USP Chapter <800> has eight modules, provides 17.25 CE hours for pharmacists and technicians.



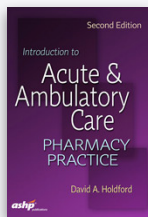
Learning and Mastering Pharmaceutical Calculations by Nicholas Ferencz

A valuable supplement to any pharmacy math course or textbook for students, technicians, or practitioners who look to sharpen their critical calculation skills.



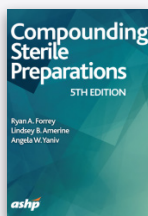
Aseptic Compounding Technique: Learning and Mastering the Ritual **by Zachary Thomas Jordan**

An in-depth guide to all aspects of aseptic compounding work, including proper hand techniques and maintenance of sterile supplies and equipment.



Introduction to Acute and Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Practice, Second Edition (used to be called Introduction to Hospital and Health-System Pharmacy Practice) **by David Holdford**

This book was originally intended for schools of pharmacy but drew lots of interest from the technician programs. The second edition was updated to incorporate more information specific to technicians.



Compounding Sterile Preparations, Fifth Edition **by E. Clyde Buchanan, Philip Schneider, and Ryan Forrey**

New updated edition includes information on Chapter 800 and regulations related to the Drug Quality and Security Act. Seven new chapters and extensive online references.

Comments and suggestions for upcoming Technician TABLET newsletter articles may be sent to asd@ashp.org