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## PTAC Biannual Meeting

October 23-25, 2025, 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: 5 new programs and 14 previously accredited programs seeking reaccreditation. Midterm reports (14) and special case reports (20) were also reviewed. As of the date of



the meeting, 236 programs are in the accreditation process which include accredited programs and programs in candidate status.

Congratulations to the following programs that were granted initial accreditation or reaccreditation!

### Initial Accreditation

- Oakton College Des Plaines, IL
- Binghamton University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Johnson City, NY
- Canyons Technical Education Center (CTEC) Sandy, UT
- Laurel Ridge Community College Middletown, VA
- Appalachian College of Pharmacy Oakwood, VA

### Reaccreditation

- Santa Ana College Santa Ana, CA
- Brewster Technical College Tampa, FL
- Augusta Technical College Augusta, GA
- Jones County Junior College Ellisville, MS
- NYU Langone Health Department of Pharmacy New York, NY
- Sinclair College Dayton, OH
- Columbus State Community College Columbus, OH
- Avera Health Sioux Falls, SD
- San Jacinto College, North Houston, TX
- San Jacinto College, South Houston, TX
- Trinity Valley Community College Athens, TX
- Health Mart Systems, Inc. Irving, TX
- Clover Park Technical College Lakewood, WA
- Milwaukee Area Technical College Milwaukee, WI



## PTCB Update

Ryan Burke, Senior Director, Professional Affairs provided an overview of the Certified Pharmacy Technician Educator Credential (CPTeD™) examination process which includes a 65-question, multiple choice exam along with a written component focused on applying education and instruction knowledge to hypothetical teaching scenarios.

Ryan also provided an overview of Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE®) pass rates among program types, including non-accredited employer-based training programs, accredited employer-based training programs, non-accredited programs, and ASHP/ACPE-accredited programs with non-accredited programs demonstrating lower passing rates than accredited programs.

The next PTEC Conference will be held on July 9-11, 2026, in San Antonio, Texas

## ASHP/ACPE Accreditation Standard for Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Program Revision—2026 Standard Revision Approved!

The revision of the ASHP/ACPE Accreditation Standard for Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Programs was a comprehensive process, which included multiple refinements of the draft, before it was distributed for public comment. Over 200 comments were reviewed and considered where pertinent comments became integrated into the final version, endorsed by the Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission (PTAC) during the October 2025 meeting. Subsequently, both the ASHP and ACPE Board of Directors approved the Standard revision for implementation. The newly approved Standard may be viewed and downloaded via this link: [CLICK HERE](#). The earliest adoption of the newly approved Standard by technician education and training programs is July 2026.

In addition, the following document provides an excellent summary of what's new, what's changed, and what's enhanced in the 2026 Technician Accreditation Standard: [CROSSWALK](#). The *Updates from the PTAC* presentation, recorded during the December 2025 Midyear Clinical Meeting can be viewed via this link: [PTAC presentation VIDEO](#). Enhancements to the 2026 Standard were presented and discussed.

Stay tuned for a variety of ancillary resources, including a recorded webinar, the revised Model Curriculum, and the new presurvey questionnaire that will be available on the ASHP website in May 2026.

### Timeline for approval and implementation of the revised 2026 Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Standard:

<b>October 2025</b>	PTAC voted to endorse the revised Standard and recommend to ASHP and ACPE BODs - <b>COMPLETED</b>
<b>January 2026</b>	ASHP and ACPE BODs voted to approve the new Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Standard - <b>COMPLETED</b>

<b>March 2026</b>	Notify Pharmacy Technician Programs of Board of Directors vote outcomes and timeline of new Accreditation Standard implementation - <b>COMPLETED</b>
<b>May 2026</b>	Ancillary resources for the new Technician Standard to be made available (educational webinar, Crosswalk of Standard changes, revision of the Model Curriculum) - <b>COMPLETED &amp; UPCOMING</b>
<b>July 2026</b>	Earliest adoption of the new Standard by pharmacy technician programs - <b>UPCOMING</b>
<b>February 2027</b>	Mandatory adoption of the new Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Standard - <b>UPCOMING</b>

## **Legislative Updates**

Kyle Robb, Director of State Policy and Advocacy, ASHP Government Relations, provided an overview of pharmacy technician “hot topics” which included scopes of practice; oversight and supervision; training, education and credentialing; and, dedicated pharmacy technician seats on Boards of Pharmacy. Currently, 23 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico now have dedicated seats for pharmacy technicians including three new states - Alabama, Idaho, and Nebraska - adding dedicated seats in 2025. Washinton state has also added a second, dedicated pharmacy technician seat.

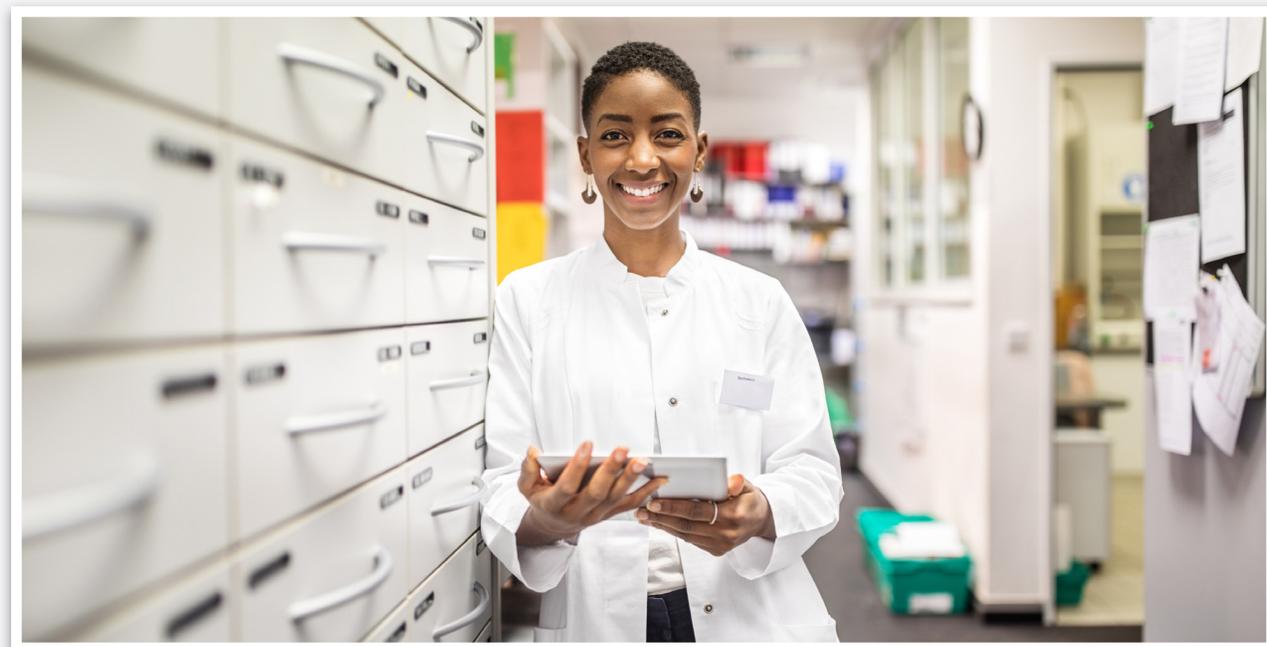
As for recognition by Boards of Pharmacy, 49 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico require pharmacy technicians to be licensed or registered with the state Board of Pharmacy; 16 states plus Puerto Rico issue technician licenses; and, 34 states plus the District of Columbia register pharmacy technicians. Additionally, Connecticut and New Hampshire have separate license categories for Advance Practice Pharmacy Technicians.

Delaware is the only remaining state that has no requirements for pharmacy technicians to be licensed or registered with the Board of Pharmacy. Annual fees range from \$10 to \$100.

Multiple states have enacted new laws that impact pharmacy technician roles and/or education and training.

### **California**

California recently enacted a law (AB 1503) that established a Pharmacy Technician Advisory Committee to advise and make recommendations to the Board of Pharmacy (BOP) on matters relating to pharmacy technicians but the law does not establish a dedicated BOP seat for a pharmacy technician and the Advisory Committee has no authority to regulate.



California's AB 1503 also increased the maximum technician-to-pharmacist ratio to 3:1 up from the previous requirement of a 1:1 ratio for a pharmacy staffed by a single pharmacist and 2:1 for additional pharmacists. Additionally, AB 1503 revises definition of "pharmacy technician trainee" to include a person enrolled in an "accredited employer-based program." Prior law limited the designation of "pharmacy technician trainee" to enrollees of programs operated by educational institutions.

## Hawaii

A new law, HB 72, enacted in Hawaii requires all pharmacy technicians to register with the Board by January 1, 2026. Hawaii statutes do not define "pharmacy technician trainee" or specific training requirements to obtain registration as a pharmacy technician. Hawaii defines a "registered pharmacy technician" as a person, who may, in addition to the tasks of an auxiliary pharmacy personnel, perform filling, packaging, manipulative, repetitive, or other nondiscretionary tasks, and administer immunizations, only while assisting and while under the supervision and control of a registered pharmacist. "Auxiliary pharmacy personnel" is defined as an individual who works in a pharmacy and may perform the following but are not required to be registered with the Board

- *Retrieval tasks, such as retrieving prescriptions or files;*
- *Clerical tasks, such as data entry, typing labels, and maintaining patient profiles;*
- *Tasks such as selling prescriptions, telephoning, filing, and typing;*
- *Accounting tasks, such as recordkeeping, maintaining accounts receivables, third-party billing, and posting;*
- *Inventory control tasks, such as monitoring, pricing, dating, invoicing, stocking pharmacy, and preparing purchase orders; and*
- *Custodial tasks, such as helping maintain a clean and orderly pharmacy.*

## **Delaware**

SB 180 clarifies that the Delaware BOP may register pharmacy technicians and permits pharmacy technicians to perform nondiscretionary tasks delegated by a pharmacist.

## **Montana**

HB 794 directs the BOP to license pharmacy technicians and adopt rules concerning training and qualifications for licensure. It clarifies that a pharmacy technician may perform tasks delegated by a pharmacist that do not require “independent professional judgment” and eliminates the requirement for technicians to have written “utilization plan” to perform certain functions.

## **Rhode Island**

HB5353 authorizes pharmacy technician product verification in institutional settings (limited to inpatient populations). Final product verification of patient-specific medications is permitted with exceptions for compounded medications and controlled substances which still require final verification by a pharmacist.

## **Connecticut**

SB 133 establishes two new occupational categories: Advanced Pharmacy Technician (APhT) and Clerk. The APhT designation requires three years previous experience, PTCB certification or Board-approved equivalent, and successful completion of accredited immunization training. Application and renewal fees for APhTs are set at \$75 per annum, compared to \$50 per year for Registered Pharmacy Technicians.

APhTs may perform technology-assisted final product verification and specimen collection for lab testing. Additionally, certain immunizations may only be administered by an APhT.

Pharmacy Clerks are required to register with the BOP and pay a \$25/year fee. Clerks may handle and deliver dispensed drugs to patients, collect patient demographic information, collect a prescription number for the purposes of a refill, deliver a drug to an automated dispensing machine within an institution, perform duties of a cashier, conduct inventory management, and return to stock product used to fill a prescription but not sold to a patient.

National certification is required as an ongoing condition of licensure/registration as a pharmacy technician in the following states:

AZ, DC, IN, IA, KS, KY, MT, NE, NM, NY, ND, OH, OR, PR, SD, TX, UT, WA, WV, WY.

Certification is required for initial licensure/registration as a pharmacy technician but not for renewal in Oregon and Virginia.

In AK, ID, IL, HI, KY, MO, MI, MN, NC, OH, RI, SC, VT, and TN, certification is not required for licensure/registration but confers additional privileges.

National certification is required in lieu of accredited training for pharmacy technicians in Louisiana and Maryland.

## The Pharmacy Technician Society® (TPTS)

Autumn Pinard, Director of Member Relations for TPTS, provided the PTAC with an update on recent activities and developments within TPTS.

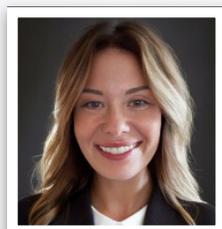


The results of TPTS's first Board of Directors election are in!



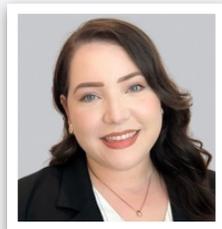
### President-Elect

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### Director at Large-Elect

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The call for nominations to be slated for elected office on the TPTS Board of Directors is now open. Anyone may nominate a pharmacy technician for consideration. TPTS members may also nominate themselves or colleagues. If you are interested in being considered for elected office — or would like to nominate another technician — please complete the [online nomination form](#). If you're nominating yourself, you must upload your resume or curriculum vitae as part of the submission. **The deadline for nominations is Feb. 12.** For more information, please visit [www.pharmtechsociety.org/BoardNominations](http://www.pharmtechsociety.org/BoardNominations).

On October 21, 2025, TPTS celebrated Pharmacy Technician Day with a targeted messaging campaign, a special video message featuring President Daniel N. Nyakundi; current Directors at Large; President-Elect Charlotte V. Hook; and incoming Directors at Large, as well as a virtual networking session for members. View the [video message](#).

The ASHP Foundation's [Professional Advancement Scholarship Program](#), funded by generous donations from Apexus and Marvin Samson, awarded 14 scholarships. Each scholarship includes registration for the 2025 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and \$1000 to support travel.

The new [Pharmacy Technician Advancement Fund](#) offers a meaningful way to support pharmacy technicians. Gifts to the fund will directly contribute to their professional growth.

TPTS is the collective voice of pharmacy technicians who practice in hospital systems, community pharmacies, clinics, and all other settings. TPTS supports the career advancement and professionalization of the pharmacy technician workforce through education, networking, policy development, and advocacy. For more information, please visit [www.pharmtechsociety.org](http://www.pharmtechsociety.org).

Donate here



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## ASHP/ACPE Celebrates 10 Years of Collaboration!

ASHP accreditation of pharmacy technician education and training programs has been in existence since 1982. The first program that was accredited was conducted at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1983. The collaboration between ASHP and ACPE for the accreditation of programs formally started with the first meeting in 2015. PTAC celebrated the tenth anniversary of the ASHP/ACPE collaboration at the meeting.

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## 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](mailto:asd@ashp.org) as soon as possible and office staff will update the information listed as exceptions.

# Resources

## Resources for Program Development **NEW**

[New & Prospective Pharmacy Technician Training Program Directors & Instructors Meeting-Midyear 2025](#)

[Updates from the Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission - Midyear 2025](#)

## Governance

[Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission \(PTAC\) Pharmacy Technician Certification Board \(PTCB\)](#)

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[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® \(TPTS\)](#)

[Pharmacy Technician Educators Council \(PTEC\) Pharmacy Workforce Center \(PWC\)](#)

## Other Resources

[Pharmacy Technician Development : ASHP Store](#)

[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.



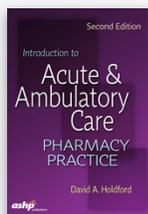
## **Learning and Mastering Pharmaceutical Calculations by Nicholas Ferencz**

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](mailto:asd@ashp.org)**