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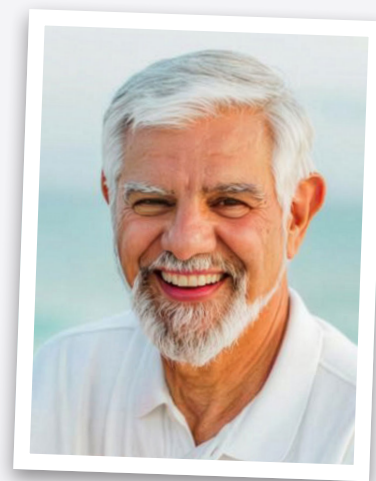
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The Legacy of Peter H. Vlasses

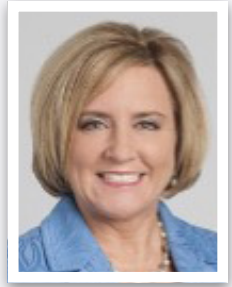
(June 8, 1948–August 1, 2026)



ASHP and PTAC mourn the passing of Peter H. Vlasses, BS Pharm, PharmD, DSc (Hon), FCCP on August 1, 2026. Dr. Vlasses was an integral part of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) for 20 years and was a leader in the pharmacy profession for more than 45 years. During his tenure at ACPE, he oversaw many changes aimed at improving pharmacy education and the broader profession, including building recognition for the profession of pharmacy technicians. As Executive Director of ACPE, he collaborated with ASHP to advance the profession of pharmacy technician through the development of national standards for pharmacy technician education and training programs and the founding of the Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission (PTAC).

Dr. Vlasses received both his bachelor's and doctor of pharmacy degrees from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and dedicated his professional career to clinical pharmacy, pharmacy research, and education of the next generation of pharmacists. He served on numerous professional organizations and received many professional honors and awards including the Remington Honor Medal, the highest and most prestigious award in American pharmacy, in 2022. He was also a founding member and president of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. Dr. Vlasses will be remembered for his warmth, humor, and belief in the value of education.

ASHP Welcomes New VP of Accreditation Services— Mandy C. Leonard, PharmD, BCPS



On July 30, 2026, ASHP welcomed Mandy C. Leonard, PharmD, BCPS Leonard as the new vice president of the Office of Accreditation Services. Dr. Leonard will oversee all strategic and operational initiatives related to the accreditation of residency and technician education and training programs and serve as a member of ASHP's senior leadership team. Prior to joining ASHP, Dr. Leonard served as the senior director of pharmacy clinical services, drug use policy, formulary management, and research for the Cleveland Clinic Health System in Cleveland, Ohio., where she also served as residency director for all Cleveland Clinic residency programs and as a residency program director for their postgraduate year two drug information residency.

PTAC Biannual Meeting

April 29, 2026, 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: 7 new programs and 7 previously accredited programs seeking reaccreditation. Midterm reports (1) and special case reports (12) were also reviewed. As of the date of the meeting, 225 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

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| • New Orleans Career Center | New Orleans, LA |
| • Mayo Clinic | Rochester, MN |
| • Northwest Career College | Las Vegas, NV |
| • Northwell Health | Lake Success, NY |
| • Trident Technical College | Charleston, SC |
| • Baylor Scott & White Health Enterprise, Inc. | Dallas, TX |
| • Omnicare, a CVS Health company | Richmond, VA |



Row One (from Left to Right) Kimberly Brown (PTAC), Tate Trujillo (PTAC), Robert Kraljevich (Vice Chair, PTAC), Sam Calabrese (Executive Vice President and CEO, ASHP), Jan Engle (Executive Director, ACPE), Lisa Lifshin (Secretary, PTAC and Senior Director, Technician Program Accreditation and Residency Services, Accreditation Services, ASHP), Charlotte Hook (TPTS), Amisha Arya (Chair, PTAC), Veneece Awad (PTAC), Janet Kozakiewicz (Lead Surveyor), Matthew Kelm (Lead Surveyor). Row 2: Kimberly Crowley (ACPE Board Liaison), Eric Grace (Director, Standards Development & Training, Accreditation Services, ASHP), Allison Riffle (PTAC), Renee' Acosta (Lead Surveyor), Tracy O'Donnell (PTAC), Nader Rassaei (PTAC), Anne Klepner (ASHP Public Member), Melissa Heigham (Past Chair, PTAC), Kimberly Benner (ASHP Board Liaison), Sheri Roumell (Lead Surveyor).

Upcoming Meetings

PTAC Biannual Meeting

October 21, 2026, Bethesda, Maryland

ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting

December 6-9, 2026, Orlando, Florida

Keynote Speaker Announced—Dan Levy! Emmy® Award-winning writer, producer, director, actor, and creator Dan Levy will take the stage as the Opening Session keynote speaker at the 2026 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting. Known for creating and starring in the acclaimed comedy *Schitt's Creek*, Dan Levy has built a remarkable career telling heartfelt, humorous, and deeply human stories. Dan's keynote will explore the power of authentic leadership, creativity, resilience, and connection, qualities that resonate with pharmacy professionals navigating an evolving healthcare landscape.

Reaccreditation

- Penn Foster College
 - Asher College - Sacramento
 - Schoolcraft College
 - Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences—
Pharmacy Technician Program
 - Southeast Community College
 - Central Carolina Technical College
 - Gundersen Health System
- Scottsdale, AZ
Sacramento, CA
Livonia, MI

Rochester, MN
Lincoln, NE
Sumter, SC
La Crosse, WI

PTCB Update

Ryan Burke, Senior Director, Professional Affairs provided an overview of the 2025 State of the Pharmacy Technician Workforce report. Key findings show that more than 63% of pharmacy technicians who now consider the profession a long-term career, an increase of nearly 7.4% since 2022. Additionally, 41% of pharmacy technicians have been certified for 10 or more years providing a stabilizing foundation of experience for pharmacies nationwide.

Other key findings:

- The premium for national certification grew from \$3.25 in 2022 to \$3.78 in 2025
- Data shows that national certification provides a consistent 20% increase in wages compared to non-certified peers
- There has been a 6.3% increase in employer-based programs
- Lack of pay incentives remains the #1 reason for potential turnover





Supporting Resources Developed for the 2026 ASHP/ACPE Accreditation Standard for Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Programs

Eric Grace, Director of Standards Development and Training, Accreditation Services, ASHP provided an overview of the supporting resources that have been developed for the newly approved 2026 ASHP/ACPE Accreditation Standard for Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Programs. Resources include the following which have been published on the [ASHP/Accreditation Services website](#):

- [2026 ASHP/ACPE Accreditation Standard for Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Programs](#)
- [Crosswalk comparing the 2026 Standard to the 2018 Standard](#)
- [Model Curriculum](#)
- [Guidelines for Preparing Responses to Survey Reports](#)
- Informational Videos
 - [New and prospective pharmacy technician training program directors/instructors—Midyear 2025](#)
 - [Updates from the Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission—Midyear 2025](#)

In addition to the resources published on the website, ASO has also communicated the information about the 2026 Standard via direct emails to all accredited programs and via the Winter/Spring 2026 issue of the Tech Tablet. The new Standard was also published in the June 15, 2026, issues of the American Journal of Health-system Pharmacy.

As a reminder, the timeline for implementation is as follows:

- **July 2026:** Earliest adoption of the new Standard by pharmacy technician programs
- **February 2027:** Mandatory adoption of the new Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Standard

Legislative Updates

Kyle Robb, Director of State Policy and Advocacy, ASHP Government Relations, provided an overview of pharmacy technician legislative and regulatory updates with a focus on “hot topics” including technician scopes of practice; technician oversight and supervision; training, education, and credentialing; and, dedicated seats on boards of pharmacy. Currently, 24 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico now have dedicated seats for pharmacy technicians including one new state—Wisconsin and pending legislation for the addition Pennsylvania.

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 a separate license category for Advance Practice Pharmacy Technicians and As of April 2026, New Hampshire is the only state currently processing applications for Advanced Pharmacy Technicians. Delaware remains the only state that has no requirements for pharmacy technicians to be licensed or registered with the Board of Pharmacy.

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

Hawaii

SB 2623—Technician Registration - is a follow up bill to HB 72 (enacted in 2025) that required all pharmacy technicians to register with the Board by January 1, 2026, sets out registration requirements for pharmacy technicians. The new bill lowers the minimum age for registration from 18 to 16 years old and clarifies the authority of the board of pharmacy to renew registrations and restore lapsed registrations.

Colorado

HB 1336—Technician Product Verification (TPV)—enacted. This bill permits technicians to engage in technology-assisted final product verification in all practice settings but excludes controlled substances. Pharmacies utilizing TPV must have quality assessment programs and maintain a program plan. The board of pharmacy shall adopt rules for TPV no later than December 31, 2026

Georgia

HB 382—Delegation and Supervision—enacted. It defines pharmacy technicians to mean support persons utilized in the practice of pharmacy; clarifies pharmacists may remotely supervise technicians working remotely outside of a pharmacy; and, loosens requirements for technicians to be certified in scenarios where one pharmacist is supervising 3 or more technicians.

SB 195—HIV Prevention—enacted. The bill authorizes pharmacists to initiate HIV prophylaxis under specified conditions and authorizes pharmacy technicians to administer long-acting injectables for HIV prevention when delegated by a pharmacist but does NOT authorize pharmacy technicians to administer HIV tests.

Pennsylvania

HB 1881 - Administration of Immunizations, Medications and Testing—has passed in the House and is pending in the Senate. It authorizes pharmacists to delegate administration of point-of-care lab testing to pharmacy technicians but does not allow pharmacists to delegate administration of injectable medications to pharmacy technicians. The bill also enables pharmacists to delegate the administration of COVID-19 and flu vaccines to pharmacy technicians but prohibits this delegation for all other vaccines.

Kansas

HB 2068—Remote Pharmacy Practice—enacted. The bill authorizes pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy interns to engage in remote pharmacy practice including prescription processing, prescriber communication, patient communication, and prescription transfers. As defined, remote pharmacy practice does not include handling, packaging, compounding, dispensing, or labeling.

Standard of Care Impact on Technicians-Update

ASHP is advocating for states to adopt a standard of care approach to regulating pharmacy practice.

- Standard of care (SoC) = the degree of care a prudent and reasonable practitioner with similar education, training, experience, and clinical resources will exercise under similar circumstances
- SoC reduces need for rigid rules-based regulation and creates more flexibility in adopting innovative practice models

Bright-Line vs. Standard of Care

Bright-Line Regulation	Standard of Care
Clearly defined and objective legal standard with minimal room for varying interpretation	Regulatory benchmark for evaluating whether a healthcare provider has acted as a reasonable and prudent professional of similar training would in comparable circumstances
Authorized acts and required standards expressly outlined within laws and regulations	Providers may perform any act not expressly prohibited by federal or state law, provided it is consistent with their education, training, experience, and clinical competence
Acts not expressly authorized are typically assumed to be prohibited	

Pharmacy technician “bright line” examples:

- Detailed lists of specific activities that may or may not be delegated to a pharmacy technician
- Limiting or restricting technician ability to administer immunizations, lab testing and medications
- Limiting or restricting locations where pharmacy technicians may practice

Most states are “brightline dominant” in that they do not apply a SoC framework to any aspect of pharmacy practice; acts that are not specifically authorized in law or regulation are generally considered prohibited. Some states apply a SoC framework to limited aspects of pharmacist practice such as pharmacist prescribing and provision of direct patient-care services. Idaho, Iowa, and Alaska generally apply a SoC framework to all aspects of pharmacy practice, inclusive of acts delegated to pharmacy technicians. For example, the Iowa Delegation law states:

A pharmacist may delegate any technical functions to pharmacy technicians and any nontechnical functions to pharmacy support persons, but only if the pharmacist is available to provide professional oversight of the delegated functions performed by the pharmacy technician or pharmacy support person. Verification of automated dispensing, technician product verification, and telepharmacy practice accuracy and completeness remains the responsibility of the pharmacist and shall be determined in accordance with rules adopted by the board.

The Pharmacy Technician Society® (TPTS)

Autumn Pinard, PharmD, MBA, Director, Member Relations/
Senior Director, The Pharmacy Technician Society,
provided the PTAC with an update on recent activities and
developments within TPTS.



2026-2027 TPTS Committees

The 2026-2027 committee term kicks off with orientations in late June. The committees for the 2026-2027 term include:

- Career and Practice Advancement Committee (CPAC)
- Educational Steering Committee (ESC)
- Leadership and Advocacy Committee (LAC)
- Engagement Working Group (EGW)
 - Consists of 3 members from each committee

2026 TPTS Board Election Slate of Candidates

The 2026 TPTS Board of Directors results have been announced. Congratulations to the new TPTS leaders!

President (2027-2028):

Thomas Wackerle, MD (Austria), CPhT-Adv, CSPT, CTDp

Supervisor, Pharmacy Technicians and Interns and Supervisor, Technician Education
Boston Children's Hospital
Massachusetts

Board of Directors (2027-2029):

Cedrick Byrd, MPH, CPhT

Implementation Manager
Vital Care Infusion Services
Alabama

Board of Directors (2027-2029):

Amanda Abernathy, MBA, CPhT, CPTed

Pharmacy Technician Training Program Manager
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)
Pennsylvania

Proposed Oath of a Pharmacy Technician

On behalf of The Pharmacy Technician Society Board of Directors, we are pleased to share a proposed *Oath of a Pharmacy Technician*. This oath is intended to reflect the values, responsibilities, and professional commitment of pharmacy technicians.

The public comment period is open through June 22, 2026. All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the TPTS Board of Directors as they finalize the oath.

As a pharmacy technician, I am an essential member of the healthcare team, entrusted with responsibilities that will impact patient outcomes. This oath is my commitment to the values that guide our profession.

- I will place the health, safety, and dignity of every patient at the center of all I do.*
- I will uphold the trust placed in me by acting with honesty, integrity, professionalism, and respect.*
- I will accept responsibility for my actions and hold myself accountable to my patients, my team, my community, and my profession.*
- I will commit to lifelong learning to enhance my knowledge, skills, and service to better serve patients.*
- I will support and mentor pharmacy technicians and others, fostering pride and excellence in the pharmacy profession.*
- I will respect the different backgrounds of all individuals and endeavor to advance health equity for all people.*
- I will uphold the highest ethical standards and promote a culture of safety and quality for every patient, in every practice setting.*
- This oath is my promise — to serve with purpose, passion, and pride.*

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.

ASHP/ACPE Technician Education and Training Program Annual Assessment Report

Lisa S. Lifshin, BS Pharm, Senior Director, Technician Accreditation and Residency Services and Eric M. Grace, MST, Director, Standards Development and Training, Accreditation Services presented an overview of the methodology and results of the 2025 Annual Assessment Survey Report. The survey questions targeted three main areas:

- Assessment of employment rates and areas of placement
- Demographic to gather information regarding virtual learning, graduate classes, retention rates, national board exam pass rates
- Satisfaction based for Health-System Programs

Key Findings:

- Most common organization type—Higher education/Community College
- Primary reason for developing the training program—meet the growing demand for pharmacy technicians in the workforce
- 14% of programs had a program director change in the past 12 months
- Most common positive results gained from having an ASHP/ACPE accredited program include job retention, increased recruitment, and job satisfaction
- 62% of programs offer some form of virtual education the most common formats being 25-50% virtual didactic education and live simulation followed by 1-25% virtual didactic education and live simulation
- 76% of programs offer enrollment by cohort classes with scheduled start and end dates
- 82% plan to offer virtual components for their programs
- In 2024, 93% had a graduating class
- The average completion rates for 2024 graduates ranged from 37% (higher education, private, non-profit) to 93% (higher education, public 4-year institutions) with most other program types falling in the 62%-84% range
- 39% of programs had an instructor to student ratio of 1:1-10; 24% with a ratio of 1:11-15; 18% with a ratio of 1: 16-20; and 9% for ratios of 1:21-24 and 1:>24
- The majority of programs had an instructor to student ratio of 1:1-10 students for the lab/simulation experience
- 88% of programs offered both sterile and non-sterile training in the simulation component

- The average pass rates for both the PTCB and NHA exams exceeded 75% (77% for PTCB and 83% for NHA) with many programs achieving a 100% pass rate;
- 82% of programs kept statistics on job placement rates which ranged from 52.8% to 100% for all program types
- Of programs that kept statistics on initial job placement settings, the top three settings were community/chain pharmacy, hospital/health-system, and compounding pharmacies
- Changes that programs experienced within the previous 12 months of the survey included changes in program funding (decrease in 12% of programs); enrollment (increase in 40% of programs); recruitment and retention of faculty (increase in 20% of programs); and change in the number of externship sites (in 36% of programs)

History of Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Programs

ASHP accreditation of pharmacy technician education and training programs has been in existence since 1982 with the first accredited program 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. In honor of this long history, Janet Kozakiewicz and Lisa Lifshin submitted an article to AJHP which includes a call to action for the support of ASHP/ACPE accredited training and education programs and a list of all ASHP/ACPE accredited and candidate status programs at the time the article was written. The article was published in the June 15, 2026 issue of AJHP.

Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Program Achievement Award NEW

At the May 2025 meeting, the PTAC discussed the possibilities for recognizing outstanding ASHP/ACPE accredited pharmacy technician education and training programs through the establishment of a Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Program Achievement Award, paralleling the ASHP Foundation's Pharmacy Residency Excellence Award granted to pharmacy residency preceptors and programs. This new award was launched in May 2026 by the ASHP Foundation, supported by donations to the ASHP Foundation Pharmacy Technician Fund. Lisa Lifshin representing the ASHP staff along with Chuck Daniels (former chair-PTAC), Barbara Giacamelli (PTAC), and Tate Trujillo (former chair -PTAC) served as advisors on the criteria for the award, which will be awarded this Fall and recognized at the 2026 Midyear Clinical Meeting in Orlando, FL.

Launch of ASHP's New Online Database—The Record!

Accreditation Services is excited to debut its new database and online program directory this May—"The Record"! Phase I of the new database project with the implementation of The Record incorporates a more contemporary, user-friendly, customized tool for management of residency program and technician training program data.

The online program directories for both residency and technician training programs incorporate additional program customization options for program directors (incorporating organization logo in listing, posting of program social media links), efficient editing with incorporation of various checkbox options and displays to quickly add information, and enhanced searchability for applicants and more.

All data from the former database ("Fabric") has migrated over to The Record's database and program directories. ***However, with additional fields and because some programs' directory listings are outdated, all program directors must review their program directory listing once The Record is launched to review for accuracy and to ensure that desired information is entered into the new fields.*** Program directors have the ability to edit the pharmacy director/leader, program contact, program coordinator, and the CEO/Reporting Administrator contacts now.



The link to the technician program public directory is located on the [ASHP Technician Education and Training Accreditation webpage](#). Additionally, the link to the program director's portal to access their program information, edit the online program directory listing, upload/access any survey-related materials, and view a *new* program dashboard is available on this same webpage ("Accreditation Services Database"). It is important to note that program directors' access to The Record is via their ASHP Single-Sign On credentials which are different than the credentials issued for Fabric. For issues with access/log-in to The Record using the ASHP SSO credential, contact ASHP Customer Relations Team via phone at [866-279-0681](tel:866-279-0681) or email at CustServ@ashp.org.

- *Please note that Accreditation Services Office team members cannot assist with password resets or other SSO issues since the ASHP SSO is issued through ASHP's Customer Relations Platform.*
- *Please note that requests to change your email address associated with your ASHP SSO does not automatically change your email address listed in The Record or in the directory listing. To change your email address listed within The Record for your program's profile and/or directory listing, email ASORecord@ashp.org.*

The Program Director User Guide for The Record can be found on the ASHP Technician Education and Training Accreditation webpage under the [Accreditation Standards, Regulations, and Other Tools section](#). For questions/issues related to program or organization-specific data (e.g., program demographic information, program address listings, organization billing contact changes, program director email address changes, etc.) or questions related to how to locate, access, or change program data in the program director dashboard and directory, email our ***NEW*** email address established specifically for this purpose at ASORecord@ashp.org.

Please note that any requests for changes in program director, practice site, or changes in program/organization names must follow current ASO processes with the submission of the applicable forms or other materials related to such change requests to ASD@ashp.org. Additionally, **organizational name/ownership changes** must include the new information (press release from organization's marketing/public relations departments), the ASHP program code(s) impacted, and the effective date of the name change.

Accreditation Services begins work on Phase II of The Record this summer for a year-long process in automating application processes, automating aspects of the survey documentation process, establishing bi-directional communication between systems, and more all in an effort to streamline and enhance workflow and data management processes. Stay tuned!!

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

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](#)

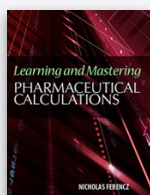
[PTCB's Practice Tools](#)

Products and Services



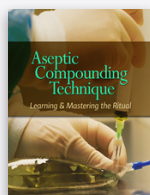
Earn an ASHP Professional Certificate in Sterile Product Preparation Training

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.



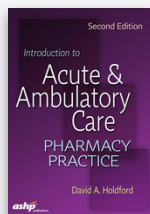
***Learning and Mastering Pharmaceutical Calculations* by Nicholas Ferencz**

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



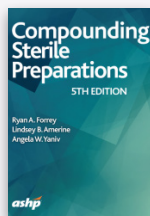
***Aseptic Compounding Technique: Learning and Mastering the Ritual* by Zachary Thomas Jordan**

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