



# Pharmacy Technician

Youth Apprenticeship

## PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

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Pharmacy Technician youth apprentices prepare medications under the direction of a pharmacist. They may also measure, mix, count out, label, and record amounts and dosages of medications according to prescription orders.

**Length of Apprenticeship:** One year

## OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES

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Youth apprentices must complete a **total of 14** competencies. **Thirteen** must be from the list below. If necessary, employers can substitute **1** competency with another occupationally appropriate skill. That skill should be added to the competency list for assessment.

Competencies
1. Accept prescription orders
2. Perform calculations for medication orders
3. Apply standard precautions and infection prevention controls
4. Prepare supplies and instruments
5. Assist to prepare patient medications
6. Prepare medication for distribution
7. Maintain inventory
8. Perform customer service tasks
9. Participate in quality assurance practices
10. Maintain pharmacy records and other documents
11. Use pharmacy references
12. Implement error prevention and safety strategies to improve safety and accuracy of prescription preparation and delivery
13. Place medication and supply orders
14. Assist to prepare nonsterile compounds

## REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP BRIDGING OPPORTUNITIES

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The following Registered Apprenticeship is available in this area:

- Pharmacy Technician

## POST-SECONDARY PATHWAY OPPORTUNITIES

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There are several post-secondary pathway opportunities in this area. The following is a partial list.

- Pharmacy Technician  
Pharmacy Services Management