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Program Information Session

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- According to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) , pharmacy technicians help pharmacists dispense prescription medication to customers or health professionals. They mainly work in retail pharmacies and hospitals.
- According to the [Department of Labor](#), employment of pharmacy technicians is projected to grow 6 percent from 2022 to 2032, faster than the average for all occupations.
- About 44,900 openings for pharmacy technicians are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Many of those openings are expected to result from the need to replace workers who transfer to different occupations or exit the labor force, such as to retire.
- The median annual wage for pharmacy technicians was \$37,790 in May 2022. The median wage is the wage at which half the workers in an occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$29,640, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$50,640.



What do pharmacy technicians do?

Pharmacy technicians typically do the following:

- Collect information needed to fill a prescription from customers or health professionals
- Measure amounts of medication for prescriptions
- Package and label prescriptions
- Organize inventory and alert pharmacists to any shortages of medications or supplies
- Accept payment for prescriptions and process insurance claims
- Enter customer or patient information, including any prescriptions taken, into a computer system
- Answer phone calls from customers
- Arrange for customers to speak with pharmacists if customers have questions about medications or health matters
- Pharmacy technicians work under the supervision of pharmacists, who must review prescriptions before they are given to patients. In most states, technicians can compound or mix some medications and call physicians for prescription refill authorizations. Technicians also may need to operate automated dispensing equipment when filling prescription orders.

Where do pharmacy technicians work?

Pharmacy technicians held about 459,600 jobs in 2022. The largest employers of pharmacy technicians were as follows:

Pharmacies and drug retailers	52%
Hospitals; state, local, and private	16%



How much do pharmacy technicians make?

- According to the U.S. Department of Labor:

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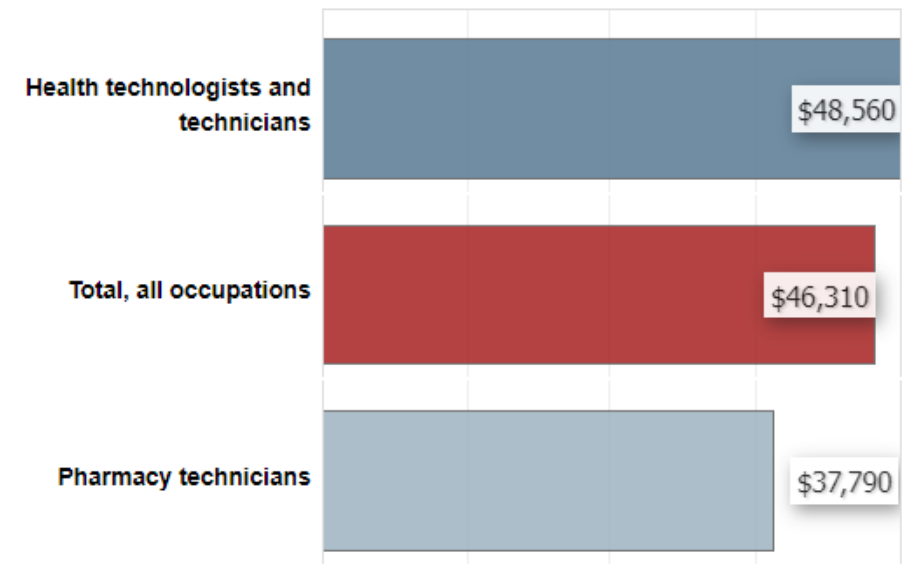
In May 2022, the median annual wages for pharmacy technicians in the top industries in which they worked were as follows:

Hospitals; state, local, and private	\$45,300
Pharmacies and drug retailers	36,360

Most pharmacy technicians work full time. Pharmacies may be open at all hours. Therefore, pharmacy technicians may have to work nights or weekends.

Pharmacy Technicians

Median annual wages, May 2022



Note: All Occupations includes all occupations in the U.S. Economy.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics

How long is the program?

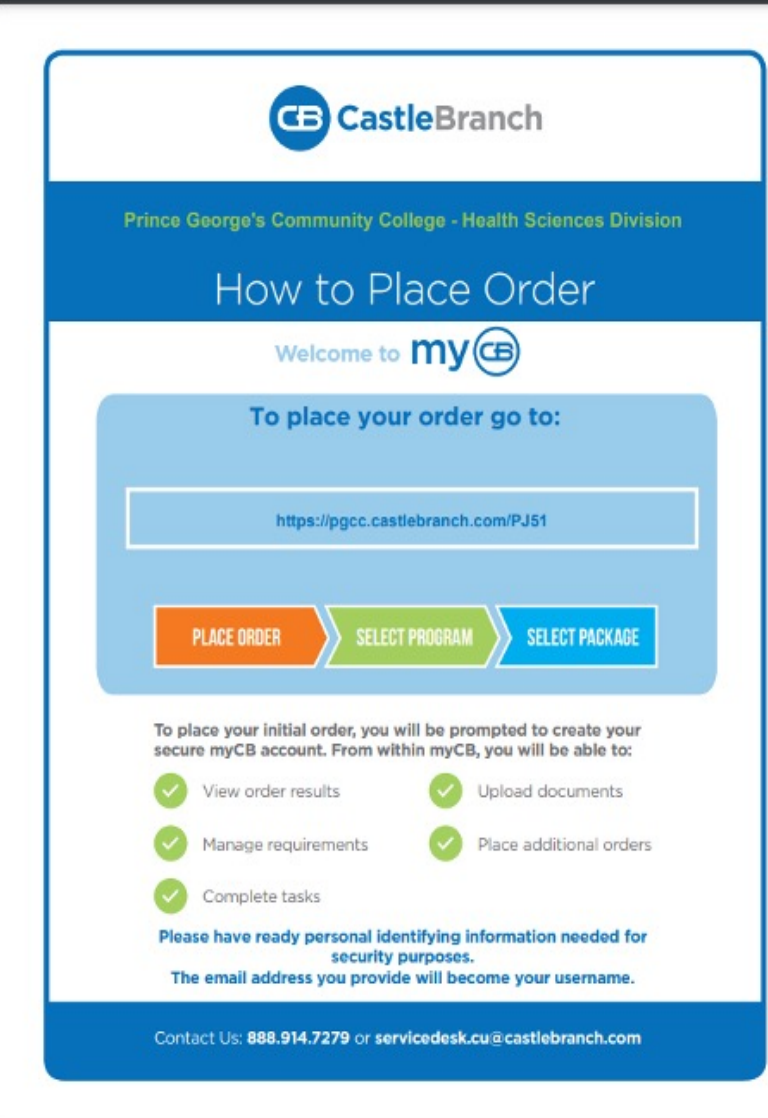
- The program is a total of 25 weeks.

What courses do I need to take?

- HES-332 Pharmacy Technician } Completed in weeks 1-16
- HES-529 Pharmacy Technician: Clinical (internship) }
- HES-530 Pharmacy Technician: Clinical (internship) } Completed in weeks 19-25

Requirements

- Set up a CastleBranch account:
 - <https://pgcc.castlebranch.com/PJ51>
- Complete the following in CastleBranch:
 - Health form.
 - Background check and drug screening 20 days prior to clinical assignment.



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How to Place Order

Welcome to my **CB**

To place your order go to:

<https://pgcc.castlebranch.com/PJ51>

PLACE ORDER → **SELECT PROGRAM** → **SELECT PACKAGE**

To place your initial order, you will be prompted to create your secure myCB account. From within myCB, you will be able to:

- ✓ View order results
- ✓ Upload documents
- ✓ Manage requirements
- ✓ Place additional orders
- ✓ Complete tasks

Please have ready personal identifying information needed for security purposes.
The email address you provide will become your username.

Contact Us: 888.914.7279 or [servicedesk.cu@castlebranch.com](mailto: servicedesk.cu@castlebranch.com)

How can I get certified?

- The Prince George's Community College's Pharmacy Technician Program prepares you to challenge the Pharmacy Technician Certification (PTCE) exam.
- Exam outline and information is provided in the course.
- Exam cost: \$129 included in the tuition.



How do I start?

- Attend an orientation session to learn about the program and its requirements.
- Contact the CE Pharmacy Technician program coordinator to:
 - Discuss financial aid and possible scholarships that may apply.

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