

Nevada Requirements for Pharmacy Technician

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A person applying for registration as a Pharmaceutical Technician must:

- Be 18 years of age or older;
- Be a high school graduate or the equivalent;
- Not have been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor that involves moral turpitude, dishonesty or the unlawful possession, sale or use of drugs;
- Have no history of drug abuse; and
- Have complied with one of the following requirements:
 - Is licensed or registered as a pharmaceutical technician in a state that licenses or registers pharmaceutical technicians, if the requirements for registration in that state are equivalent to the requirements of this State, and the successful completion of at least 240 hours of employment as a pharmaceutical technician in a pharmacy in that state, which must be verified by the managing pharmacist of the pharmacy.
 - Completed 1,500 hours in Nevada as a registered pharmaceutical technician-in-training;
 - Graduated from a school accredited by the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) and have completed 350 hours in Nevada as a registered pharmaceutical technician-in-training; or
 - Graduated from a school in another state that is not accredited by ASHP and have passed the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board's (PTCB) national examination.
 - The successful completion of a program of training for pharmaceutical technicians conducted by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Indian Health Service of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

PT Program Admissions Disclosure

Documentation of immunizations and TB skin test is required within 90 days of starting. The cost of immunizations required by Asher College **is NOT included** in the cost of the program.

Successful completion of a criminal background check is required prior to acceptance into the program. The cost of the criminal background check **is included** in the cost of the program. If a prospective student is denied admission due to a criminal history finding that was not disclosed prior to enrollment, the prospective student will be responsible for the cost of the background check and will be invoiced for the amount specified in the enrollment contract.

Documentation of a negative drug screening must be submitted at least 60 days before the beginning of the Pharmacy externship. The cost of the drug screening is included in the cost of the program. While it is not required for admission, it is required to obtain a Trainee License and start externship. Pharmacy Technician students are subject to random drug screenings while on campus and on externship. A positive drug screening will result in immediate suspension from school until Asher College discusses the circumstances with the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy and may result in termination (dismissal) from the program. Asher College is required to random drug test all students prior to the drug test 60 before the Pharmacy Externship.

****Many businesses that employ pharmacy technicians require random drug testing to maintain employment.**

Pharmacy Technician- Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) Exam

The cost to apply for CPhT Certification and take the PTCE is \$129.

Beginning January 2020, candidates must complete a PTCB-Recognized Education/Training Program OR equivalent work experience in order to be eligible.

The PTCE is a computer-based exam with 90 multiple-choice questions (80 scored questions and 10 unscored questions). Unscored questions are randomly placed throughout the exam and are not identified. Be prepared to commit 2 hours for the exam (5-minute tutorial, 1 hour and 50-minute exam and 5-minute post-exam survey). Your unofficial exam result will be presented on the screen immediately following the post-exam survey. You may also receive a printed copy of the unofficial exam result at the test site. Official exam results will be posted to your PTCB Account within two to three weeks.

Exam fees and fee for the drug testing is included in the program.

