



## Certified Pharmacy Technician



Today's healthcare environment is perfect for opportunities to enter a new career as an allied health professional. The need in Pharmacy for technical support staff is growing by the day. Opportunities abound in Pharmacy for technicians to work, from the retail setting to various institutional operations such as a hospital. The Federal Board of Labor Statistics (BLC) estimates that there are 250,000 Pharmacy Technicians working nationwide. BLC further predicts that Pharmacy Technician employment will grow by 36% or more between 2000 and 2010.

The effective Pharmacy Technician supports the Pharmacist in all sectors of his or her practice. This is the case because the technician lends direct support to the pharmacy operation as a whole. Delegation of applicable duties to Technicians frees up the Pharmacist to deliver elements of Pharmaceutical care, which is one goal of their extensive education and ongoing credentialing. For example, in the retail setting, the demands for Pharmacist patient counseling continue to increase. As this Pharmacy delivery model expands, the Technician's responsibilities will continue to grow. The need for Patient counseling is driven by recent expansion of federal law, the number of clients marked increase caused by the baby boomer demographic shift to old age, and finally the great shortage of Registered Pharmacists.

This is an intensive fourteen-week (56-hour) program that provides the participant with the basic skills and training they will need to succeed as a Pharmacy Technician in the current health care deliver system. The course work will contain extensive lecture discussion and practical problem solving exercises designed to give the student the tools needed to work as an effective Certified Pharmacy Technician anywhere in the United States. This course will also offer students an optional opportunity to become nationally certified by Pharmacy Technician Certification Board. ***Call 1.800.363.8012 to register or obtain an application for the certification exam.***

Topics to be covered in this curriculum include Pharmacy Technician roles in health care, operational skills needed to function in the work place, introduction to pharmacology, various disease states along with the drug regiments involved in each, medication distribution, control measures, quality improvement initiatives, aseptic technique for sterile product production, ethics, legal issues and pharmaceutical calculations.

### ***About Our Instructor:***

Kevin Zajac has worked as a Pharmacy Technician in all sectors of Pharmacy in over twenty years of practice including military, retail, home-IV, hospital, currently at UCONN Health Center supporting the Dept. of Corrections pharmacy services. He is a nationally certified Technician who has taught other Technician training programs and holds an MS and MBA.

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**Dates: Thursday, September 4, 2008 to December 11, 2008 (no class 11-27-08)**

**Time: 6:00 pm -10:00 pm**

**Fee: \$1200.00 (Book is required and available for purchase from the bookstore 860-253-3186)**

**Instructor: Kevin Zajac**