

# How to become CERTIFIED!!

## Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)

- Requirements: To achieve PTCB Certification, candidates must satisfy the following eligibility requirements:
  - High school diploma or equivalent educational diploma (e.g., a GED or foreign diploma).
  - Full disclosure of all criminal and State Board of Pharmacy registration or licensure actions.
  - Compliance with all applicable PTCB Certification policies.
  - Passing score on the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE).
- Cost: \$129
- Scheduling: Through testing centers and may be scheduled year round at any time.
- Continual Education:
  - 20 hours of CE every 2 years
    - 1 hour in pharmacy law
- Certification Benefits:
  - Respected credential
  - Validated achievement and knowledge
  - Improved employment opportunities
  - Potential for higher salary
  - Career growth
  - Understanding of pharmacy law
  - Prestige among coworkers
- Areas of focus:
  - [Assisting the Pharmacist in Serving Patients](#) (66% of exam)
  - [Maintaining Medication and Inventory Control Systems](#) (22% of exam)
  - [Participating in the Administration and Management of Pharmacy Practice](#) (12% of exam)
  - Click on links for more information or visit [www.ptcb.org](http://www.ptcb.org)

## National Healthcareer Association (ExCPT)

- Requirements:
  - Contact NHA for more information
- Cost: \$105
- Scheduling: Through testing centers and may be scheduled year round at any time
- Continual Education:
  - 20 hours of CE every 2 years
    - 1 hour in pharmacy law
- Certification Benefits:
  - Receive written prescription requests from patients, and prescriptions sent electronically from doctors' offices
  - In some states, you may process physicians' orders by phone
  - Read the prescription, retrieve, count, pour, weigh, measure, and may mix or compound medications
  - Establish and maintain patient profiles
  - Prepare insurance claim forms and manage inventory
- Areas of focus: N/A
  - Go to <http://www.nhanow.com/pharmacy-technician.aspx> for more information.