Pharmacy Technician

Pharmacy Technicians assist in performing, under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist, manipulative, nondiscretionary functions associated with the practice of pharmacy. They are limited to performing tasks in the preparation of legend drugs and devices and to provide nonjudgmental technical support services. All tasks and functions undertaken by the pharmacy technician must be verified and confirmed for correctness, exactness, accuracy, and completeness by the pharmacist-in-charge.

Legislation
Statutes: NH RSA 318:5-a
Administrative Rules: Chapter Ph 800

Registration Requirements
• Possess good moral character
• Be at least 16 years of age and either have a high school or equivalent diploma, or be working to achieve a high school or equivalent diploma
• Complete and file application
• Have 80 hours of on-the-job training and be registered with the board within 15 days
• Shall not have been convicted of a drug-related felony
• Must wear a tag identifying them as a Pharmacy Technician while on duty
• Pharmacist-in-charge shall determine the duties of the pharmacy technician, and shall verify and confirm acts, tasks, and functions undertaken by the pharmacy technician
• Additional requirements have to be met to become a "certified pharmacy technician," including a nationally-recognized certification exam recognized by the New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy

Examination
Not required for registered techs; Certified techs must pass a nationally-recognized exam

Continuing Education
Not required, however, certified pharmacy technicians must complete board-approved continuing education

Reciprocity
Not permitted

Active Licenses
Registered Pharmacy Techs: 1,879
Certified Pharmacy Techs: 1,197

Regulatory Agency
New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy
Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
121 South Fruit Street, Suite 401
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2412

phone  (603) 271-2350
call  (603) 271-2856
web  <www.oplc.nh.gov/pharmacy/>
contact  Licensing Department
e-mail  pharmacy.licensing@oplc.nh.gov

Fees
Initial registration ........................ $100.00
Biennial renewal .......................... $100.00
All registrations expire biennially on March 31 of odd-numbered years

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Additional Information Sources
Pharmacy Technician Certification Board
<www.ptcb.org>

New Hampshire Pharmacists Association
<www.nhpharmacists.net>

Institute for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians
National Healthcare Association
<www.nhanow.com>

National Pharmacy Technician Association (NPTA)
<www.pharmacytechnician.org>

Related Training
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant