

Health Care: A Career For Life

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

JOB DESCRIPTION

On January 1, 2014, the new *Pharmaceutical Act* along with its accompanying Pharmaceutical Regulation, came into effect in Manitoba. As of January 1, 2014, in order to practice as a pharmacy technician in Manitoba, you must attain the qualifications listed in the regulations and be listed with the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba.

A pharmacy technician's scope of practice focuses on the knowledge, skills, and abilities associated with the technical aspects of prescription and patient information, and of product and drug distribution. Pharmacy technicians collaborate with pharmacists and other health care providers in providing optimal care to their patients.

While all pharmacy technician applicants must meet the same competencies, there are essentially two pathways to registration.

1. Individuals who are currently employed and qualify through prior work experience in pharmacy; and
2. Graduates of a CCAPP accredited pharmacy technician program

The process to becoming a pharmacy technician in Manitoba may differ based on the individual's current qualifications and experience.

<http://mpha.in1touch.org/site/pharmacytechnicians?nav=practice>

TRAINING & EDUCATION ROUTES

Winnipeg Technical College, Robertson College and on-the-job training

LINKS TO SITES

- Canadian Association of Pharmacy Technicians Manitoba <http://capt.ca/>
- Canadian Pharmacists Association www.cdnpharm.ca
- Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists www.cshp.ca
- Canadian Faculties of Pharmacy www.pharmacists.ca
- College of Pharmacy of Manitoba <http://mpha.in1touch.org/site/home?nav=02>

SALARY RANGE

\$35,000 - \$50,000

RECOMMENDED HIGHSCHOOL COURSES

- Grade 12 Math (40S)
- Grade 12 English Language Arts (40S)
- Grade 12 Biology

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Pharmacy Technician - Winnipeg Technical College

The aim of the Pharmacy Technician program is to prepare students to work collaboratively with Pharmacists and other health care professionals in providing patient-centered, quality prescriptions and over the counter medications and products.

With our Pharmacy Technician program, you'll gain the knowledge and skills necessary to assist pharmacists in the preparation and distribution of medications. MITT is fully accredited by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP) and students who graduate from our program will be eligible to write the National Qualifying Exam, governed by the Pharmacy Examination Board of Canada (PEBC).

You'll need strong math skills for this career area as part of the job involves doing the calculations to determine dosages and quantities to prepare/dispense. Additionally, you'll use computers to process information, fill prescriptions and maintain patient medication profiles, plus you'll learn how to compound creams, oral liquids and sterile products. Your keyboarding speed needs to be at least 20 wpm to start the program, and 30 wpm to complete it.

Applicants must have obtained a complete Grade 12 standing from a Canadian school or the equivalent, including:

- Grade 12 Math (40S)
- Grade 12 English Language Arts (40S)
- Grade 12 Biology and Chemistry (40S)

Applicants must also have:

- 20 words per minute keyboarding speed
- English Language Proficiency (if educated outside of Canada)

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The Pharmacy Technician program includes a 12-week Work Practicum placement in a community and/or hospital pharmacy. The placement enables students to apply the skills learned in the classroom, learn on-the-job procedures, and develop valuable job contacts. There is a dress code for work practicum rotations. Students will require an up-to-date immunization record, criminal record check (vulnerable sector), child abuse registry check, completion of WRHA PHIA, Routine Practices, N95 Mask fitting, and USP 797 Validation in Aseptic Technique training to attend the Institutional Practicum.

<http://www.mitt.ca/programs/post-secondary-programs/46/pharmacy-technician>

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