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This document is meant to supplement your research about the educational and certification requirements for working as a Pharmacy Assistant on a state-by-state basis, encompassing the United States territories as well.

Educational Preparation: The Pharmacy Assistant program at Forsyth Technical Community College introduces students to the fundamentals of pharmacy operations, including medication preparation, pharmacy calculations, inventory control, and customer service. This short-term, non-credit training prepares individuals for entry-level roles in retail and institutional pharmacy settings under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist.

Licensure and Certification: While Pharmacy Assistants are not licensed at the state or national level, some employers may prefer or require a formal training certificate or on-the-job experience. Regulations for pharmacy support personnel vary by state, particularly regarding task delegation and supervision requirements. Individuals are encouraged to consult their state's Board of Pharmacy to confirm whether registration or additional training is required for employment as a pharmacy assistant.

[Forsyth Tech Website](#)

[Additional Resource \(1\)](#)

[Additional Resource \(2\)](#)

Disclaimer: It is crucial to acknowledge that laws and regulations in the field of Pharmacy Assistant are subject to constant change. For the most current information and requirements, we strongly advise you to consult the specific state board or agency responsible for Pharmacy Assistant licensure/certification.

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Alabama		X
Alaska		X
American Samoa		X
Arizona		X
Arkansas		X
California		X
Colorado		X
Connecticut		X

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Delaware		X
District of Columbia		X
Florida		X
Georgia		X
Guam		X
Hawaii		X
Idaho		X
Illinois		X
Indiana		X
Iowa		X
Kansas		X
Kentucky		X
Louisiana		X
Maine		X
Maryland		X
Massachusetts		X
Michigan		X
Minnesota		X
Mississippi		X
Missouri		X
Montana		X
Nebraska		X
Nevada		X
New Hampshire		X
New Jersey		X

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
New Mexico		X
New York		X
North Carolina	✓	
North Dakota		X
Northern Mariana Islands		X
Ohio		X
Oklahoma		X
Oregon		X
Pennsylvania		X
Puerto Rico		X
Rhode Island		X
South Carolina		X
South Dakota		X
Tennessee		X
Texas		X
US Virgin Islands		X
Utah		X
Vermont		X
Virginia		X
Washington		X
West Virginia		X
Wisconsin		X
Wyoming		X