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This document is designed to support your research into the educational, certification, and state-specific requirements for working as a Pharmacy Technician across all U.S. states and territories.

Students who complete the Associate of Applied Science in Pharmacy Technology at Forsyth Technical Community College are eligible to sit for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) offered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB). Passing this exam earns the Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) credential.

PTCB certification is recognized in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico. CPhTs work in a variety of pharmacy practice settings nationwide.

However, state-level regulations vary significantly and may change without prior notice. Some states do not require registration, while others mandate formal education/training, practical experience, and national certification for practice and licensure renewal.

Pharmacy technicians are strongly encouraged to contact the State Board of Pharmacy in the state where they intend to work—or before relocating—to confirm the most up-to-date certification, registration, or licensure requirements.

Note: The following chart applies to individuals who have completed Forsyth Tech’s Pharmacy Technology program and passed the PTCE to earn the CPhT credential. Additional state-specific requirements may apply, including applications, background checks, documentation, licensure fees, liability insurance, continuing education, or additional assessments. Each state determines whether certification is sufficient for licensure or employment, and successful completion of the PTCB exam enhances portability and reciprocity across jurisdictions.

[Forsyth Tech Website](#)

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

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

**Disclaimer:** It is crucial to acknowledge that laws and regulations in the field of Pharmacy Technology 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 Technology licensure/certification.

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Alabama	✓	

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Alaska	✓	
American Samoa		X
Arizona	✓	
Arkansas	✓	
California	✓	
Colorado	✓	
Connecticut	✓	
Delaware	✓	
District of Columbia	✓	
Florida	✓	
Georgia	✓	
Guam		X
Hawaii	✓	
Idaho	✓	
Illinois	✓	
Indiana	✓	
Iowa	✓	
Kansas	✓	
Kentucky	✓	
Louisiana	✓	
Maine	✓	
Maryland	✓	
Massachusetts	✓	
Michigan	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Minnesota	✓	
Mississippi	✓	
Missouri	✓	
Montana	✓	
Nebraska	✓	
Nevada	✓	
New Hampshire	✓	
New Jersey	✓	
New Mexico	✓	
New York	✓	
North Carolina	✓	
North Dakota	✓	
Northern Mariana Islands		X
Ohio	✓	
Oklahoma	✓	
Oregon	✓	
Pennsylvania	✓	
Puerto Rico		X
Rhode Island	✓	
South Carolina	✓	
South Dakota	✓	
Tennessee	✓	
Texas	✓	
US Virgin Islands		X

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Utah	✓	
Vermont	✓	
Virginia	✓	
Washington	✓	
West Virginia	✓	
Wisconsin	✓	
Wyoming	✓	