

Pharmacy technicians perform a variety of duties in a pharmacy under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist, including receiving prescription medicine, counting tablets, labeling bottles, maintaining patient profiles, preparing insurance claim forms, and performing administrative functions such as answering phones, stocking shelves, and operating cash registers.

Students who are accepted will participate in a rigorous, online, year-long curriculum and be eligible to sit for the National Technician Certification exam.

Students will learn:

- ◆ Role of the pharmacy technician
- ◆ Laws governing pharmacy techs
- ◆ Pharmaceutical calculations
- ◆ Prescription processing
- ◆ Basic pharmacology

The class will be presented online through Pharmacy Technician's University online training. The instruction will include guidance provided by the instructor to assist students with the class requirements.

Students will be assigned online activities and quizzes that will require them to work independently and with their local pharmacist.

A local pharmacy connection will be needed to provide an observation time, as well as, completing an evaluation for the student. Shadowing of 10 fall hours and 40 spring hours is required for this program.

## Pathways to Become Certified and Registered

Option #1 - Attend the Southeast Technical College Pharmacy Technician Program

For more information visit the Southeast Tech website:

<https://www.southeasttech.edu/programs/healthcare/pharmacy-technician/index.php>

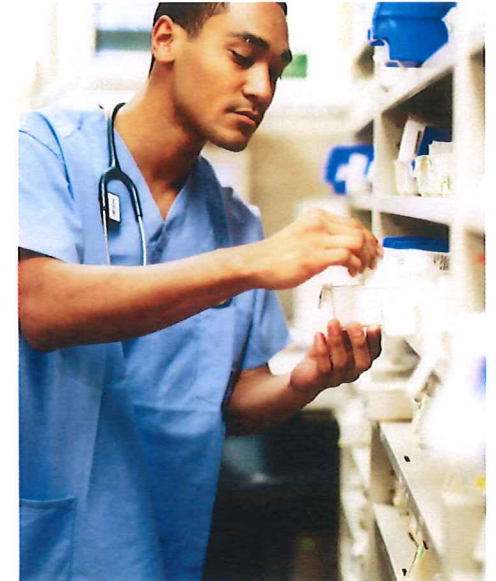


Option #2 - Employment at a pharmacy and work under the supervision of a pharmacist

1. Successfully complete Pharmacy Technician's University curriculum
2. Be hired as a pharmacy technician
3. Register with SD Board of Pharmacy (\$25 fee)
4. Pass the national certifying exam (PTCB—\$129) within 2 years of employment

<https://doh.sd.gov/boards/pharmacy/assets/TechnicianFactSheet.pdf>

# Introduction to PHARMACY TECHNICIAN



**ONLINE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

  
DIAL Virtual School

DIAL Virtual School  
PO Box 518  
Platte SD 57369  
(605) 337-3178

## Students

- ⇒ **SENIORS, graduating 2023**  
(limited to 20)
- ⇒ Interested in healthcare
- ⇒ Dedicated to online learning
- ⇒ Math competent
- ⇒ Ability to work on a team
- ⇒ Professional behavior and dress while shadowing

### Recommended Prerequisite Classes:

- \* Medical Terminology
- \* Health Careers I & II
- \* Anatomy/Physiology
- \* Bio Med—Project Lead the Way

Classes available at SD Virtual School  
[sdvs.k12.sd.us](http://sdvs.k12.sd.us)

## Parents

- ⇒ Support student commitment
  - \* Time to study
  - \* Transportation to pharmacy
- ⇒ Possible costs not covered by the school

## School

- ⇒ Grant credit for online class - year-long, one hour per day, one credit
- ⇒ Provide a school facilitator for DIAL class
- ⇒ Assist student to find a cooperating pharmacy for shadowing
- ⇒ Purchase educational service from DIAL Virtual School
- ⇒ Provide computer and internet access for student use



## Pharmacist

- ⇒ Provide shadowing experiences for the pharmacy technician student
- ⇒ Communicate with the instructor and complete a student evaluation form

## Cost

DIAL Virtual School  
Educational Service Fee:

\$ 650 full year  
(\$ 325/semester)

## Application Process

1. Students fill out the application form located at [dialsd.net](http://dialsd.net) under the "Courses" tab by April 30, 2022.
2. Students will be accepted in early May. Parents & administrators will be notified and asked to confirm support of the student.
3. Administrators will enroll accepted students in the class by August 15, 2022, through the SD Virtual School [sdvs.k12.sd.us](http://sdvs.k12.sd.us)

