

17-DCMR Pharmacy Technicians § 9906 Registration for Pharmacy Technician Trainees

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Subcommittee Meeting

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Objectives

- Review existing requirements for pharmacy technician trainees.
- Recommend regulatory changes for employer based and non-employer-based applicants.
- Review the current structure of the Pharmacy Technician Trainee Program.
- Propose modifications/updates to the program
- Pharmacy Technician Trainee Scope of Practice and Ancillary Pharmacy Services
- Request clarification on duties
- Coolidge High School Proposal

Pharmacy Technician: Registration Designations

- Registration with the board falls under three different designations:

New Registrant

Reciprocity

Grandfathering

Pharmacy Technician: Trainee

- New pharmacy technicians are designated as “trainees” while undergoing their training. Pharmacy technician trainees must be registered with the board while they complete their training.

Pharmacy Technician Trainee: Registration Requirements

- To be eligible to register as a trainee, a registrant shall:
 - Be at least 17 years of age
 - Have a high school diploma or its equivalent; and
 - Be enrolled in a Board-approved pharmacy technician training program or employed in a pharmacy as a pharmacy technician trainee

Pharmacy Technician Trainee: Application Requirements

- To apply, the applicant must submit a completed application which includes the following:
- Social security number (or certificate of citizenship)
- Two recent passport photographs (2" x 2")
- U.S. Government-issued photo ID
- A criminal background check

Registration for Technician Trainees

- A person should register with the Board as a pharmacy technician trainee within thirty (30) days after beginning an employer-based pharmacy technician program recognized by the Board
- Non-employer-based pharmacy technicians in training shall register with the Board as a trainee prior to performing duties of a trainee in the pharmacy
- Pharmacy technician trainee registration shall expire one year from the date of issuance and should not be renewed
- A registered technician trainee may provide the pharmacy technician functions under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist

Technician Trainee Non-Compliance

The Pharmaceutical Control Division (PCD) have identified several non-compliance issues leading to concerns:

- Technician trainees completing programs without active registration and applying for technician license.
- Falsification of certificate of completion from Pharmacists.
- Delays in licensing completion
- Trainees reapplying after one-year expiration.
- System extending

Recommended Regulation Change

- 9906.1 A person shall register with the Board as a pharmacy technician trainee within thirty (30) days after beginning an employer-based pharmacy technician program recognized by the Board.
- 9906.2 Individuals enrolled in a non-employer-based pharmacy technician training program shall register with the Board as a pharmacy technician trainee prior to performing duties of a pharmacy technician trainee in a pharmacy.
- *Recommended change:*
- *Individuals enrolled in a non-employer-based or employer-based pharmacy technician training shall register and obtain an active registration with the Board as a pharmacy technician trainee prior to performing duties of a pharmacy technician trainee in a pharmacy.*

Pharmacy Technician Training Program

DC Board Approved Technician Training Program

- Employer-Based
 - CVS
 - Retail Business Services (Giant)
 - Albertsons (Safeway)
 - Harris Teeter
 - MedStar Washington Hospital Center
 - Medstar Georgetown University Hospital
 - Johns Hopkins Health System Pharmacy (Sibley)
 - Grubb's Pharmacy
 - Kaiser Permanente
 - Maxor Pharmacy
- Non-Employer Based
 - Potomac Job Corps
 - ESHS Pharmacy Technician Program
 - Time for Change

Pharmacy Technician Training Programs: Requirements for Approval

- Submit a completed application to the Board on the required forms and include payment of the application fee.
- \$1500 application fee
- Expires 5 years from the date of issuance
- 160 hours of practical experience
- Exceed one year
- A pharmacy technician training director that is qualified by education or experience.
- Report any changes to the program within 30 days
- Provide a certificate of completion

Pharmacy Technician Training Programs: Required Instruction

- Roles and responsibilities of the pharmacy technician
- Knowledge of prescription medications
- Knowledge of strengths or doses, dosage forms, physical appearance, routes of administration, and duration of drug therapy
- The dispensing process
- Pharmaceutical calculations
- Interacting with patients
- Third-party prescriptions
- Sterile and non-sterile compounding
- Requirements and professional standards for: preparing, labeling, dispensing, storing, prepackaging, distributing, administration of medication
- Confidentiality
- Drugs used to treat major chronic conditions
- Federal and District laws and regulations governing controlled substances and the practice of pharmacy
- Knowledge of special dosing considerations for pediatric and geriatric populations

Pharmacy Technician Training Programs: Examination Requirements

- Examinations must:
 - Include a minimum of ninety (90) multiple-choice questions
 - Include sufficient additional questions so that the examination questions may be rotated twice a year
 - Require a passing score of seventy-five percent (75%) or higher
 - Shall be certified as psychometrically valid

Recommendations

- Board to review the DC Board Approved Technician Training Program requirements to criteria to ensure alignment with National Standards (PTCB)
 - Course criteria
 - Examination
 - Psychometrically Validity
- Draft a Self-Evaluation for Program Renewal Requirement
- Establish fees for changes in Program

Scope of Practice- Registered Technician

- Entering prescription and drug history information into a data system or other record keeping system
- Compounding and reconstituting drugs for dispensing;
- Calling a physician for refill authorization for non-controlled substances in which no changes are made to the order
- Preparing prescription labels or patient information
- Removing the drug to be dispensed from inventory
- Counting or measuring the drug to be dispensed
- Packaging and labeling the drug to be dispensed and the repackaging
- Stocking or loading automated dispensing devices or other devices used in the dispensing process

Scope of Practice- Registered Technician

- Placing, receiving, unpacking, and storing drug orders
- Checking all prescription and non-prescription stock for outdates and processing of outdated returns
- Assisting the pharmacist in preparing and reconstituting sterile products and other medications
- Retrieving prescription files, patient files, profiles, and other records pertaining to the practice of pharmacy
- Notifying the patient or the patient's agent of the opportunity to receive an oral consultation from the pharmacist.

OTHER PHARMACY RELATED SERVICES

- Cashiering
- Bookkeeping
- Pricing
- Stocking
- Delivering
- Answering nonprofessional questions and telephone inquiries
- Documenting third-party reimbursement
- Notifying the patient or the patient's agent of the opportunity to receive an oral consultation from the pharmacist.

Technician Training Program Proposal

Calvin Coolidge High School

Pharmacy Technician Training Program Proposal



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Technician Training Program Proposal

- Calvin Coolidge High School in Washington, DC establish a Pharmacy Technician training program
- To serve District of Columbia Public School students (DCPS) who are interested in the field of Pharmacy
- Pharmacy Technician training program structure will be within the NAF Academy of Health Sciences
- Aim to increase minority students' interest in the field of Pharmacy
- Upper-level students who have met at least 3 of the required DCPS science courses mandated for graduation while completing the program

Waiver Request

- To permit high school students to participate in a pharmacy technician training program in Washington, D.C. We would
- Allow Coolidge High School to work to establish a training program that will allow students to receive training at the high school level.

Questions??