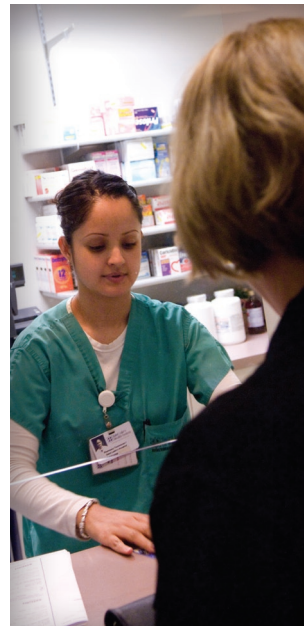


Standardized education and training for
the advancement of Pharmacy by the profession

ASHP Accreditation



for Pharmacy Technician Programs



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ASHP Accreditation: Setting the Standard for Pharmacy Technician Training

ASHP is the leading national accrediting body specifically for Pharmacy Technician Training Programs. When your technician program earns ASHP accreditation, you also get instant credibility and a competitive advantage over other programs. Accreditation shows that you have undergone a peer review process and offer a didactic, laboratory, and experiential training program that meets contemporary employment needs and is the absolute highest in quality for the public's safety. It shows that you are committed to excellence.



Why is accreditation important?

Pharmacy Technicians play an increasingly important role in public safety. Their responsibilities are expanding and evolving as the pharmacy profession changes with new medications, technologies, and challenges. The accreditation process is designed to protect the public by requiring training programs to meet a nationally recognized standard for excellence.

To contact the ASHP Accreditation Division
visit www.ashp.org/accreditation,
email us at asd@ashp.org, or call us at **301-664-8858**

Why are students looking for ASHP accredited programs?

Accreditation makes students feel confident in their choice of training program.

Here's why:

- **It's a requirement**—ASHP-accredited pharmacy tech training is now required by several state Boards of Pharmacy.
- **It builds their resumé**—Pharmacists prefer to have students from ASHP-accredited programs on experiential rotations.
- **It gets them hired**—Employers prefer to hire students from accredited ASHP training programs.
- **It prepares them for a successful and rewarding career!**

What sets ASHP accreditation apart?

The ASHP Commission on Credentialing consists of nineteen pharmacists from several pharmacy organizations who represent community, managed care, clinical, and pharmacy education needs. These professionals work with you to make sure your pharmacy training program and curriculum are contemporary and meet the needs of the pharmacy profession. Advantages of ASHP accreditation include:

- Expert guidance and advice from working pharmacists and pharmacy technician educators
- Standards are established by practicing pharmacists and pharmacy technician educators, peer reviewed, and updated to meet the ever changing needs of the pharmacy profession
- Networking opportunities with the accrediting team and the community of ASHP-accredited programs
- Online listing of your program on the ASHP accreditation site
- Access to educator materials, including curriculum guides





How to get started

The initial accreditation process begins with your application. You then complete a self-assessment of your program's strengths and weaknesses compared to national standards. Following this pre-survey self-assessment, the on-site evaluation begins. The peer-review team

will visit your site to meet the faculty, students, and advisory committee; review the curriculum and facilities, and assess the experiential training.

After the on-site visit, you will receive an assessment by the peer-review team. An on-site peer-review team returns at least once every six years. Once accredited, the ASHP Commission on Credentialing will ask programs to provide written reports demonstrating ongoing progress between visits.

Pharmacists on the ASHP accreditation staff are always available to assist with your accreditation needs. Educator materials are always available so that your program can continue to grow with advancements in the field.

Isn't it time for you to consider ASHP accreditation?

Of the top reasons pharmacy technician training program directors choose ASHP accreditation, over 83% said it was to ensure they could "offer the best program" available in order to attract more students.

“ASHP Accreditation is invaluable to ensure my students receive the best education possible—and to ensure we continue to provide the best education possible. With an accredited program, students will have the highest, most recognized and respected level of pharmacy tech training available as they move into their careers.”

Nicole Motes, CPhT
PHT Department Chair & Program Coordinator
Pharmacy Technician Program
Pikes Peak Community College

“ASHP Accreditation sets a high national standard for all pharmacy technicians across the board. With this training, students will be able to function in any location, and in any state.”

Janie March, CPhT, B.S.
Director, Pharmacy Technician Program
Carver Career and Technical Education Center
Charleston, WV

“We believe we should offer the best training program to our students to allow them the best opportunity for employment. ASHP gave us the guidelines to develop a stellar program that would meet our community’s need for well trained technicians.”

Adrienne Santiago, CPhT
Director Pharmaceutical Training
Career College of Northern Nevada

“ASHP Accreditation is essential in giving any kind of credit to a pharmacy technician program. ASHP has developed the competencies that all programs should strive to teach their students.”

Susan Helfter, Pharm.D., R.Ph.
Pharmacy Technician Instructor
Hibbing Community College