

## ***Workbook for the Manual for Pharmacy Technicians***

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**Therapeutic Area:** This workbook accompanies the Manual for Pharmacy Technicians, which helps prepare pharmacy technician candidates for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) exam.

**Format:** This paperback book features reasonably sized type font and material that can be reasonably understood.

**Audience:** This workbook is for use by pharmacy technician candidates who have read the accompanying Manual for Pharmacy Technicians.

**Purpose:** This workbook was written to assist in reinforcing the learning objectives of the Manual for Pharmacy Technicians so that readers can be better prepared to take the PTCB exam.

**Content:** The workbook consists of 2 parts. The first part contains 20 sections, each consisting of any combination of the following modules: multiple choice, matching, true or false, and short answer questions, as well as crossword puzzles, word search challenges, and Internet research material to review specific regulatory and PTCB information. The second part is the answer key.

**Usability:** Material is clearly organized in the workbook, with each section referring to a section in the manual for easy look up.

**Limitations:** The workbook assumes that the candidate has read and understands the associated manual and/or has some basic technician experience, either by didactic or on-the-job training.

**Comparisons with Other Related Books:** Because material needed for PTCB preparation is limited, other training manuals have incorporated both the didactic and testing material into a single volume. This form may be beneficial in that the workbook is a more inexpensive expenditure in a classroom experience, whereas the manual can be used from class to class. However, combining the workbook and manual may be an added expense for candidates who are studying on their own.

**Reviewer's Summary:** The workbook serves as a good challenge for the rote learning section of the PTCB exam. The word searches and crossword puzzles make the

workbook more interesting, but it is not clear how this will be beneficial when taking the test. The other drawback is the lack of math challenges, which in 1 form or another comprises more questions than the obvious ones.

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