



Steps to Obtaining and Maintaining Pharmacy Technician Certification in Montana

Step 1: Education – Programs are available at universities in Kalispell, Missoula, Helena, Bozeman, Great Falls and Billings. The program at Missoula College – University of Montana is the only ASHP accredited program in Montana.

If a program is not available to you, home study is a possibility utilizing texts by Delmars or Mosbys Pharmacy Technician Certification Review. However, it is important to remember that Montana does require its technicians to be nationally certified and those certifiers are becoming more specific about program requirements, specifically graduating from a pharmacy technician program.

At this time, you should also consider applying for your technician-in-training license through the [Montana Board of Pharmacy](#).

Step 2: Completion of onsite course or at home study

It is now time to schedule your certification examination. PTCB has made on-line scheduling available and the site in Montana to take the test is in Helena. [Click here](#) to find out more about the exam.

Step 3: Pass examination and become a nationally certified pharmacy technician!

After passing the exam you will need to complete information to become a [licensed certified pharmacy technician \(CPhT\)](#) through the Montana Board of Pharmacy.

Step 4: Continuing Education

Now that you are an active licensed certified pharmacy technician, your certification board will require that you complete continuing education. Typically, this is 20 hours of technician specific continuing education. You should register with the [National Association of Board of Pharmacy \(NABP\)](#) to track your hours and to facilitate getting those hours to your certification board.