

# PTCB Credentials

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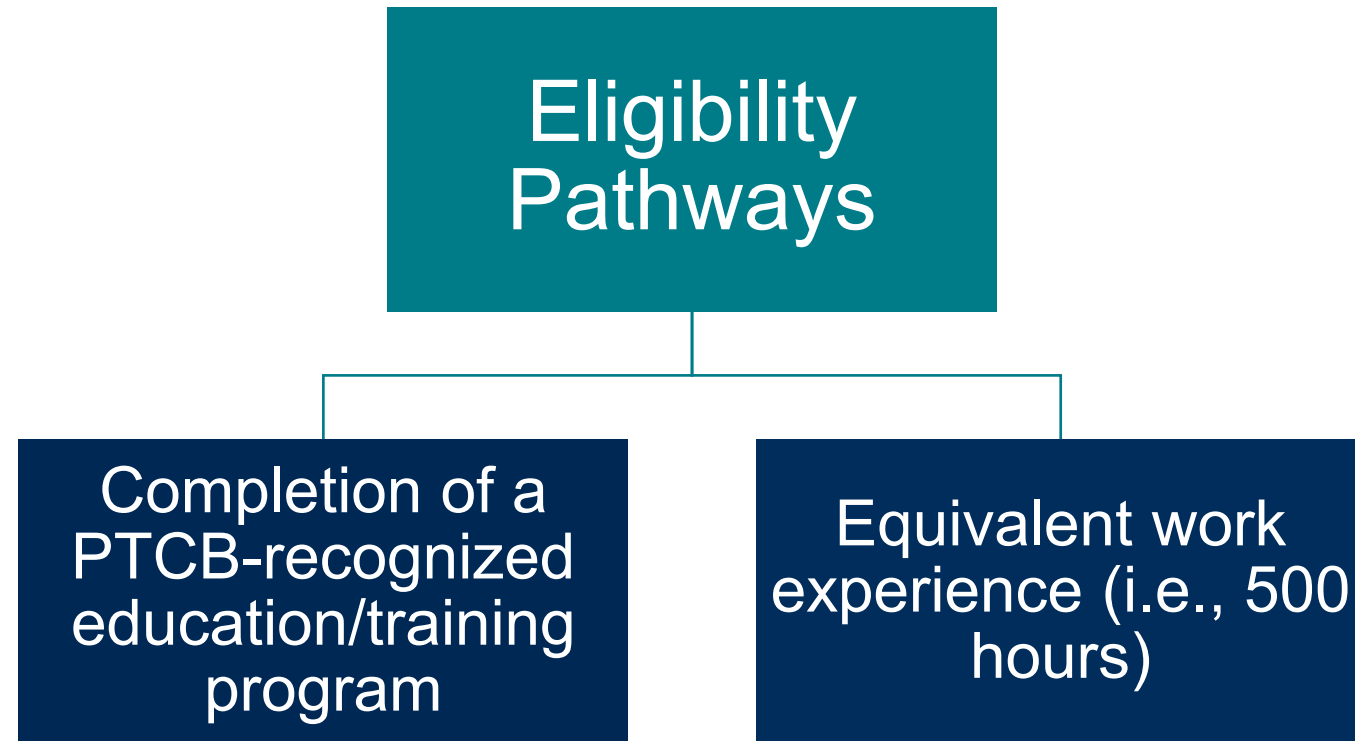
# PTCB by the Numbers

- ✓ 760,334 pharmacy technician certifications since 1995\*
- ✓ 283,000 active certified pharmacy technicians\*
  - 19,846 CPhTs in California
- ✓ 42,615 CPhT exams administered in 2021\*
- ✓ 1,417 secure Pearson VUE testing centers
- ✓ Administered and accepted in all 50 states, DC, Guam, and Puerto Rico

\*as of 12.2021



# Certified Pharmacy Technician Program



Required knowledge is the same for both paths.



# Education/Training Requirement

- ✓ Recognized programs must include specific knowledge in their curriculum.
- ✓ This knowledge supplements the PTCE content outline.
- ✓ All ASHP/ACPE and ABHES accredited programs are recognized.
- ✓ Program directors of non-accredited programs must attest.
- ✓ Different and separate from accreditation.
- ✓ Audits are conducted to ensure compliance with requirements.



# Education/Training Requirement



Types of programs that can be recognized:

- ✓ Certificate and degree programs
- ✓ College of Pharmacy associated programs
- ✓ Employer training
- ✓ High school programs
- ✓ Military training programs



# PTCE Content Outline

Medications (40%)

Federal Requirements (13%)

Patient Safety & Quality Assurance (26%)

Order Entry & Processing (21%)

Content Outline available at  
<https://www.ptcb.org/guidebook/ptce-content-outline>



# Recertification Requirements

- ✓ Complete a minimum of 20 hours of CE during the 2-year recertification period, including:
  - 1 hour in the subject of pharmacy law; and
  - 1 hour in the subject of patient safety
- ✓ CE hours earned must be in pharmacy technician subject matter as listed in the PTCE Content Outline or offered by ACPE-accredited providers with the target audience designation 'T' (technician-specific).

# Recertification Process

## 1 EARN

CE hours during your renewal cycle.



**VERIFY** that your NABP e-Profile ID appears in your PTCB Account. If not, enter your NABP e-Profile ID or create an NABP e-Profile at NABP.pharmacy.



**CHECK** that you have met all CE requirements and they are recorded correctly in CPE Monitor.



## 2 APPLY

by logging into your PTCB Account to begin your application.



**ATTEST** that you've completed PTCB's renewal requirements and your CE activities are in CPE Monitor.



**SUBMIT** your application and payment. Once your payment is processed, your application will be approved, subject to review.



## 3 PTCB REVIEWS

your application and attempts to verify your CE information in CPE Monitor for 60 days.



**PTCB RETURNS** your application if you do not meet CE requirements.



**RESUBMIT** your returned application if you believe you met CE requirements. You have 30 days to provide documentation and resubmit.





# PTCB Certification Programs



# Assessment-based Certificate Programs

- ✓ PTCB considered the idea of creating one "advanced" exam.
  - Identifying a single body of knowledge that encompassed advanced-level practice for pharmacy technicians was not feasible given the variation of roles.
- ✓ Assessment-based certificate programs provide flexibility to pharmacy technicians, employers, and regulators to determine what is necessary for certain jobs or duties.

# Advanced Certified Pharmacy Technician

Be an active PTCB  
CPhT

+

Complete at least 4  
certificate programs\*  
or  
CSPT + 3 certificate  
programs\*

+

Have at least 3 years  
of work experience in  
the last 8 years

\*One must be either TPV or  
Medication History

Individuals who earn the CPhT-Adv credential are required to earn 5 additional CE hours to maintain their certification.



# Questions

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