

Johns Hopkins Health System (JHHS) Pharmacy Technician Training Program

Suburban Hospital

8600 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814

About the Training Program

- This is a full-time, 18 weeks technician training program that provides computer-based lectures, hands-on simulation activities, and structured rotation experience at Suburban Hospital (SH) in Bethesda Maryland
- The 18 weeks encompass 15 weeks of course duration and three weeks of continued on-the-job training and coaching in preparation for the pharmacy technician role at SH.



- Approved by the Maryland Board of Pharmacy
- Accredited by ASHP/ACPE as a formal pharmacy technician training program
- Click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code to register for our upcoming webinars and learn more about our pharmacy technician program



Admission Requirements

- High school diploma, GED, or equivalent
- Application is open to both internal and external candidates
 - Internal candidates who are applying, must be a JHHS employee for a minimum of six months, in good standing and eligible for internal transfer
- Pass the pre-enrollment math and reading comprehension assessment by achieving a score of at least 70%
- Six months of healthcare-related or customer service experience desired
- Completion of all required steps for employment at JHHS, including background check, vaccination requirements and occupational health screening

Application Process

- Complete the Pharmacy Technician Trainee job application on [Jobs | Johns Hopkins Medicine Careers](#)
- Correspond and complete prescreening requirements
- Schedule and complete math and reading pre-assessments
- Selected candidates will undergo interview process with the department
- One pharmacy technician trainee will be selected.
- 2 cohorts will be conducted per year (Spring cohort starts in April, Fall cohort starts in October)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the pay rate as a pharmacy technician trainee?

- The pay rate as a pharmacy technician trainee is approximately \$18.00 per hour (full-time, 40 hours/week, day/evening rotating shift) while in the training program.
- Upon successful program completion and obtaining of Maryland Board of Pharmacy registration, trainees will be promoted to a pharmacy technician I position, with an associated pay increase.

What is my schedule in the training program?

- Your specific schedule/hours will vary depending upon your hiring pharmacy at Suburban Hospital (See table below.). During the training program, the schedule generally includes day/evening rotations.
- **After completing the program**, pharmacy technician shifts will rotate among day, evening and night hours. You will also be required to work **every other weekend and holiday**.

Hiring Pharmacy	Shifts/Hours
Suburban Hospital Pharmacy	Day (7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) Evening (3 to 11:30 p.m.) Night (9 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.)

How flexible is my schedule?

- **The schedule is not flexible.** The technician training program follows a regimented weekly schedule to ensure that trainees complete all the required hours within the designated period. Technician trainees may be subject to dismissal from the training program if they are more than one week behind on the training program schedule.

What do I do if I need to take time off?

- Any requests for time off during your pharmacy technician training program duration must be approved by your preceptor and site-specific program coordinator. You will be required to make up missed days.

Which pharmacy will I be placed in?

- Placement is dependent on pharmacy availability. However, you will have the opportunity to rank your preferred pharmacy during the interview process.

What is the dress code?

- Scrubs will be provided by the pharmacy department daily starting on the first day of the training program

What equipment will I need for the training program?

- SH will provide a computer and necessary equipment.

More information can be found at <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/pharmacy>

Requirements After Program Completion

- Register with the Maryland Board of Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician. Trainee's position will then be advanced to a pharmacy technician I position at the same hiring pharmacy
- Obtain Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) national certification within one year of completing training program. (Department will pay for first attempt)
- **Minimum of one year full-time commitment as a pharmacy technician at Suburban Hospital**

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