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Pharmacy Technicians (SOC Code : 29-2052) in Los Angeles County

Prepare medications under the direction of a pharmacist. May measure, mix, count out, label, and record amounts and dosages of medications.

Employers usually expect an employee in this occupation to be able to do the job after Moderate-term on-the-job training (1-12 months) .

Los Angeles County is the same as Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale Metro Div.

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Area	Year	Period	Hourly Mean	Hourly by Percentile		
				25th	Median	75th
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale Metro Div	2017	1st Qtr	\$18.90	\$14.22	\$18.16	\$23.07

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Area	Estimated Year-Projected Year	Employment		Employment Change		Annual Avg Openings
		Estimated	Projected	Number	Percent	
Los Angeles County	2014 - 2024	8,300	9,350	1,050	12.7	187

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License Title	License Authority
Pharmacy Technician	Department of Consumer Affairs Board of Pharmacy Licensing Unit http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov

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Industry Title	Number of Employers in Los Angeles County	Percent of Total Employment for Occupation in State of California
Health and Personal Care Stores	4,764	53.0%

General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	336	18.5%
Grocery Stores	3,912	4.1%
Offices of Physicians	12,542	3.9%
Outpatient Care Centers	2,656	1.7%
Employment Services	1,694	1.0%

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Top Tasks (Specific duties and responsibilities of this job.)

Receive written prescription or refill requests and verify that information is complete and accurate.

Answer telephones, responding to questions or requests.

Prepack bulk medicines, fill bottles with prescribed medications, and type and affix labels.

Maintain proper storage and security conditions for drugs.

Assist customers by answering simple questions, locating items, or referring them to the pharmacist for medication information.

Price and file prescriptions that have been filled.

Establish or maintain patient profiles, including lists of medications taken by individual patients.

Order, label, and count stock of medications, chemicals, or supplies and enter inventory data into computer.

Receive and store incoming supplies, verify quantities against invoices, check for outdated medications in current inventory, and inform supervisors of stock needs and shortages.

Mix pharmaceutical preparations, according to written prescriptions.

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Top Skills used in this Job

Active Listening - Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.

Reading Comprehension - Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents.

Speaking - Talking to others to convey information effectively.

Critical Thinking - Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.

Monitoring - Monitoring/Assessing performance of yourself, other individuals, or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action.

Service Orientation - Actively looking for ways to help people.

Social Perceptiveness - Being aware of others` reactions and understanding why they react as they do.

Time Management - Managing one`s own time and the time of others.

Judgment and Decision Making - Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.

Coordination - Adjusting actions in relation to others` actions.

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Top Abilities (Attributes of the person that influence performance in this job.)

Oral Comprehension - The ability to listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences.

Near Vision - The ability to see details at close range (within a few feet of the observer).

Written Comprehension - The ability to read and understand information and ideas presented in writing.

Oral Expression - The ability to communicate information and ideas in speaking so others will understand.

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Top Work Values (Aspects of this job that create satisfaction.)

Relationships - Occupations that satisfy this work value allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment.

Support - Occupations that satisfy this work value offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

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Top Interests (The types of activities someone in this job would like.)

Conventional - Conventional occupations frequently involve following set procedures and routines. These occupations can include working with data and details more than with ideas. Usually there is a clear line of authority to follow.

Realistic - Realistic occupations frequently involve work activities that include practical, hands-on problems and solutions. They often deal with plants, animals, and real-world materials like wood, tools, and machinery. Many of the occupations require working outside, and do not involve a lot of paperwork or working closely with others.

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