

## PTCE - Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam Flashcard Book + Online (Flash Card Books)

### Know What to Study

There are nine knowledge areas on the exam. Each knowledge area contains its own sub-topics, and you can find a detailed list of these topics and sub-topics on the PTCB's website. The knowledge areas are presented below, along with some examples of the sub-topics and the percentage of each that will be tested on the exam.

Knowledge Area	Sub-Topic Examples	Percentage of Questions on Exam
Pharmacology	Drug interactions, side effects, generic and brand names	13.75%
Law and Regulations	Hazardous substances, FDA recall, OSHA regulations	12.5%
Compounding	Infection control, sterile and non-sterile processes, disposal	8.75%
Medication Safety	Package inserts and guides, high risk medications, safety strategies	12.5%
Quality Assurance	Inventory control systems, risk management, productivity	7.5%
Order Entry and Medication Filling	Intake and interpretation, fill process, labeling	17.5%
Inventory Management	Preferred product lists, storage, removal	8.75%
Billing and Reimbursement	Policies, healthcare reimbursement systems, benefits	8.75%
Information Systems	Computer applications, databases, document management	10.0%

### Familiarize Yourself With the Exam Format

You'll want to go into the exam knowing what to expect. The exam is delivered over a computer at a Pearson VUE testing center. You will have two hours to complete 90 multiple-choice questions on the PTCE. You will also be presented with a tutorial and be asked to complete a survey after your exam.

The Pearson VUE website offers a tutorial on how to take their exams. You can use your own computer to view the tutorial and take a practice test. The purpose of the tutorial and practice test is only to familiarize yourself with the various functions you will encounter during the exam. Being comfortable with the exam software will help ease some of your stress on test day.

### Sign Up For a Review Course

You can find in-person review and prep courses. Most of these courses will present information in line with the knowledge areas that will be tested on the exam. If you take a pharmacy technician program at a community college, your program will likely be geared towards helping you pass the PTCE.

### Take a Practice Test

You can purchase a practice test through the PTCB's website. The practice test provides you with a real-world picture of how the exam will be; you will practice the exam on your computer, and it will have 90 questions. At the end of the exam, you will receive an analysis of each of the answer choices to assist you in your study for the actual exam.

If you would like additional practice, you can find free practice tests online.

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Some sites offer quizzes in addition to practice tests.

### Use Additional Resources

Several other resources can help you pass the PTCE. You can download study apps to your Apple and Android devices to conveniently study from anywhere. You can also purchase a number of study books.

Study.com also offers courses and lessons that can help you review the material tested on the exam. You can also use these courses and lessons to quiz yourself on the material. Take a look at some of these topics offered at Study.com:

## Reference

[CLEP® Biology Book + Online \(CLEP Test Preparation\)](#)

[Seen: Despair and Anxiety in Kids and Teenagers and the Power of Connection](#)