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VTECS is pleased to announce our partnership with PassAssured — the industry leader when it comes to preparing for the **Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)** certification exam.

PassAssured Objectives



- ✓ To provide the pharmacy industry with a means of training pharmacy technicians to successfully complete the **PTCB** Exam.
- ✓ To offer a guarantee to assist candidates in successfully completing the **PTCB** Exam.
- ✓ Assure that our products meet the expectations of our customers, the Pharmacy Technician population.
- ✓ To provide up-to-date products that reflect the current skill base requirements for pharmacy technicians.

PassAssured's Pharmacy Technician Training Program (PTTP) was designed to meet those objectives and includes multimedia-based training on all certification topics, plus the **Pharmacy Technician Testing System (PTTS)**, which includes topical review quizzes with question hints and audio feedback, practice pretests, and a practice review exam.

The Pharmacy Technician Training Program ...

... is Comprehensive.

The lesson plan walks you systematically through every topic required for certification. An extensive test battery makes you comfortable with the questions you'll be seeing on the actual PTCB exam

... is A Rich Multimedia Presentation.

PassAssured has the only completely CD-based presentation on the market. It's compelling and easy-to-follow, complete with audio, video, and graphic presentations. Realistic practice tests will let you know when you're ready for the real thing.

... has been Professionally Field-Tested.

The content of the training program has been field-tested for 3 years in direct-contact seminars with great success.

... Guarantees Success!

PassAssured is so confident that you will succeed, they guarantee your success!

More About the Training Program

PassAssured's Premier Product, the **Pharmacy Technician Training Program**, or **PTTP**, integrates audio, video, and graphic images to place the student in a real-world training environment. Seven and one-half hours of audio, complemented with coaching video clips, blend the over 2500 images into a riveting multimedia learning experience. Our testing system utilizes an 'earned' step approach of rewarding the student for success and opening higher levels of testing. From basic section questions to our 'Blue Ribbon' exam, our testing system is designed to enhance the student retention levels. Our system was designed from conception to distribution, with one single overriding objective: **To train individuals to pass the PTCB exam.**

The Training System.

PassAssured's Pharmacy Technician Training Program provides six main topic areas, divided into 42 sub-topics of study. Each topic contains audio, video, text, and images to provide the student with a multimedia experience and an accurate representation of the study material. All topics are supported by text-based Windows help files, which feature full topic hyperlinks and search capabilities.



Our Audio Presentation.

Over seven and one-half hours of audio provides the student with listening, reading, and a visual learning experience. The studio-recorded audio presentation provides an easy listening experience, detailing the technical aspects of pharmacy technician skills.

Pictures and Graphics.

Over 2,500 pictures and graphics are used to illustrate the technical details of each topic. Pictures are from a working pharmacy, illustrating actual duties of pharmacy technicians, from greeting customers to performing basic aseptic techniques. Our calculation illustrations use examples "in motion" to illustrate methods of solving various math equations.

Text-Based Windows Help Files.

Each subsection is supplemented with a Windows-type help file, accessible at any time from the audio-driven study program. The text-based help files are hyperlinked for fast access to the particular topic, or the student can use the search feature to fine-tune the learning experience.

Our Video Presentation.

Over 20 minutes of video helps guide the student through the learning experience. An individual video clip introduces each of the 42 subsections and provides study topic hints for the student.

CD-ROM Operation Instructions.

Exceptional CD-ROM instructional help is given, with illustrations to assist the student in the operation of the program. The instructional help reviews all aspects of the program.

More About the Testing System

When you purchase the **Pass Assured Pharmacy Technician Training Program (PTTP)**, you also receive the **Pharmacy Technician Testing System (PTTS)**.



The **PTTS** is a computer-based barrage of questions which cover the entire spectrum of the certification exam itself, including fundamentals of math, medication review, aseptic techniques, Federal law, and pharmacy operations.

PTTS questions are the product of over 3 years of field-testing in direct contact seminars. Students in these seminars have accumulated a 97% pass rate on the PTCB exam, as compared with the actual PTCB published pass rate of 80%.

You choose the way you want to prepare with PTTS:

Practice Pre-Test. With this option, you get plenty of feedback. When you select a wrong answer, PTTS tells you why you were wrong, and shows you the correct answer.

Practice Exam. This option mimics the actual PTCB Exam. You'll be clocked, with timers indicating elapsed time and time remaining. During the practice exam, there's no feedback. Every attempt is made to recreate the actual testing environment.

Whether you use the practice pre-test or the practice exam, your results will be electronically graded and your scores displayed to show you your last eight test results. By measuring your own progress, you'll know when you're ready for the real thing.



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Some Frequently Asked Questions:

Who is the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or PTCB?

The Pharmacy Technician Certification Board, also referred to as the 'PTCB', is the non-governmental organization that administers the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam. In addition, they maintain Pharmacy Technician Certification records and manage the re-certification process. The PTCB is located in Washington, DC.

What are the minimum requirements for becoming a Certified Pharmacy Technician?

The PTCB states: "You must have received a high school diploma or a GED by the application receipt deadline and have never been convicted of a felony to sit for the PTCB Examination."

How long does it normally take to complete the Pharmacy Technician Training Program?

Our interactive CD-ROM is a self paced system. Typically, multimedia presentations offer the best retention time for the required study material. In addition, study time is minimized with the ability to repeat study presentations on command, repeat any of our five testing levels, and instant access to our 27,000 word help file for reference. The time required to complete our program should remain brief. We typically recommend six to twelve weeks preparation time before taking the PTCB Exam. However, actual results will be dependent upon the user.

What is the pass rate for the Pharmacy Technician Training Program?

PassAssured's current pass rate is 97%. 97% of our students PASS the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Exam.

Do Certified Pharmacy Technicians typically earn increased salaries?

It is reasonable to expect a salary increase, because of increased credentials and marketability, of an individual that earns Certification. Various surveys report the majority of employers give Certified Pharmacy Technicians increased salary. There is a shortage of Certified Pharmacy Technicians in the marketplace and as additional states mandate the requirement, the shortage will only increase.

Does the Pharmacy Technician Training Program require Internet access?

No! The 'stand alone' interactive CD-ROM contains all materials needed to complete the program. All practice tests are automatically graded on the users computer. The program runs entirely from CD-ROM.

What type of computer do I need to run the Pharmacy Technician Training Program?

Our program is designed to operate on a PC with minimum resources. The minimum requirements of a PC are:

PC with 200 Mhz Pentium II® Processor
Microsoft Windows 95/98/NT/2000/ME/XP
CD-ROM Drive
16 Bit VGA Monitor (600 X 800 Resolution)
Sound Card