

Committee: Public Policy  
Topic: Pharmacy Technician Training and Certification  
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Whereas, the American Society of Health-system Pharmacists supports Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) certification be required for all pharmacy technicians; further, that completion of a pharmacy technician training program accredited by ASHP and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) be required to obtain PTCB certification for all new pharmacy technicians

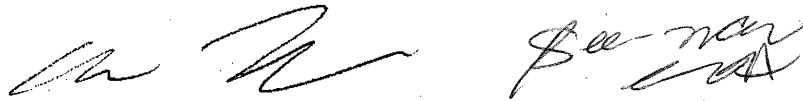
Whereas, many technician programs exist in New York State which are not nationally accredited, yielding confusion and inconsistency regarding candidates' knowledge, skills and abilities

Whereas, inconsistent training and certification standards make hiring and workforce development challenging for institutions; make scope of practice oversight difficult for regulatory agencies

Resolved That: The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports a standardized curriculum for the training of pharmacy technicians pursuing certification. Training programs should be accredited by a nationally-recognized accreditation body. Certified pharmacy technicians should maintain this certification through nationally-accredited continuing education.

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