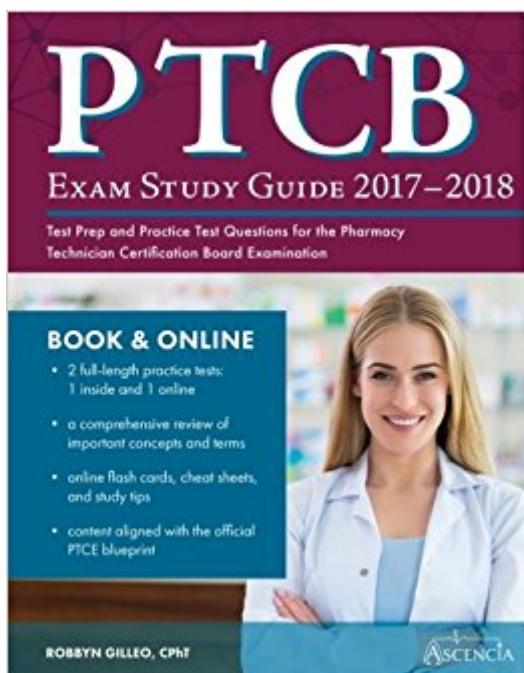


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# PTCB Exam Study Guide 2017-2018: Test Prep And Practice Test Questions For The Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Examination



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Ascencia Test Prep's first study guide, PTCB Exam Study Guide 2017-2018: Ascencia's Test Prep and Practice Test Questions for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Examination is a comprehensive book offering readers a full review of the subject matter covered on the PTCB exam, test tips and strategies, real-world examples, and worked through practice problems. Ascencia's PTCB book covers: Pharmacology The Principles of Pharmacology An Introduction to Medical Terminology Systems Pharmacology Pharmacy Abbreviations Assisting the Pharmacist Ambulatory (Community) Pharmacy Institutional (Hospital) Pharmacy Pharmacy Automation Investigational Drug Data Pharmacy Law & Ethics History Controlled Drugs Administration & Management of the Pharmacy Medication Errors Reference Materials Hazardous Materials and Safety in the Workplace Inventory Compounding Pharmaceuticals Non-Sterile Compounding Sterile Compounding Pharmacy Math Fundamentals of Pharmacy Math Fractions and Decimals Ratio, Proportions, and Percentage Liquid Measures Concentrations Dilutions Admixture Calculations Business Math Ascencia's PTCB study guide also includes two full PTCB practice tests, ensuring that readers will be prepared come test day. About Ascencia Test Prep With healthcare fields such as nursing, pharmacy, emergency care, and physical therapy becoming the fastest and largest growing industries in the United States, individuals looking to enter the healthcare industry or rise in their field need high quality, reliable resources. Ascencia Test Prep's study guides and test preparation materials are developed by credentialed, industry professionals with years of experience in their respective fields. Every Ascencia book includes a comprehensive overview of the content knowledge that will be tested, along with practice questions for each section to enhance understanding. Full practice tests at the end of every book accurately reflect the exam, helping test takers determine if they are thoroughly prepared. Additionally, all Ascencia study materials offer exclusive tips from healthcare professionals to help readers thrive in their field beyond test day. Ascencia recognizes that healthcare professionals nurture bodies and spirits, and save lives. Ascencia Test Prep's mission is to help healthcare workers grow.

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Awesome book for review.

I purchased this study book to help me prepare for my PTCB exam. So far I failed so I'm hoping this material will help me pass on my second go around.

Great study book. Very easy and interesting to read. Highly recommend to read when studying.

The Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Examination (PTCE) is a test that accesses the skill sets that specifically correspond to required knowledge for performing technical and production duties in the pharmacy. In the introduction in this book you'll learn about all the requirements and pre-qualifications you'll need to actually schedule a test. A pharmacy technician will assist patients, interact with physicians and nurses, are responsible for the administrative responsibilities of the pharmacy, and help prepare prescription and compounded medications. It's certainly not a career path for the faint of heart. Glancing around online told me things such as the fact that the PTCE will cost \$129 and will be held at Pearson-VUE Professional Testing Center. There's a lot of information in the introduction of the book that gives anyone wanting to enter the field a good idea of what to expect. The PTCE is a computer-generated multiple-choice exam that contains ninety questions and takes a couple of hours. The scores range from 1000 to 1600 and in order to become a CphT (certified pharmacy technician), you'll have to have a broad-based skill set. There are several unseen resources that come with this book, including an online practice test and a YouTube video. In the front matter / introduction you'll learn what a pharmacy technician is, the qualifications you'll need to have, the responsibilities, the

settings in which a CphT will work, the future of the field, information about national certification, what the PTCB is, what you'll need to know in order to pass it, what happens after the PTCE, and you'll read about the code of conduct. There are numerous informative tables, black and white photographs, figures, as well as a full-length practice test. One table that most will find especially useful is the one on pharmacy abbreviations, the Common Sig Codes. The abbreviation is followed by the abbreviation, the meaning, and the category. For example: agit. / shake, stir / other (category). Definitely one study guide that's worth considering, even if only thinking about becoming a CphT. **PTCB SUBJECTS / PERCENTAGES:** Pharmacology (13.75%) Pharmacy Law and Ethics (12.50%) Medication Safety (12.50%) Sterile and Non-Sterile Compounding (8.75%) Quality Assurance (7.50%) Medication Order and Fill Process (17.50%) Inventory Management (8.75%) Billing and Reimbursement (8.75%) Information System Usage and Application (10.00%) Pharmacy Math and Calculations Each one of these categories has a brief explanation of the subjects and skill sets that will be on the PTCB. There are also some flash cards available for purchase as a complementary resource for this test. I do have them and find they are an invaluable study asset. No one says you have to stick with one book as brand loyalty isn't necessary when studying. I do like a variety of materials and there are several out there. There is no DVD included in this book, but is available by request after posting a review. This book courtesy of the publisher.

This book is very helpful for studying for the PTCB. The book provides you with two practice tests - one of which is inside the book, the other can be found online. Answer keys are provided inside to help you evaluate how you did. There are many useful charts, diagrams, and tables. There is a comprehensive review of all the important concepts/terminology. Online flash cards, cheat sheets, and study tips. I found the different types of drug tables to be very helpful. The generic name and brand name for the drug is listed, a short description of what it is for, common side effects, and common interactions. For example; Antihistamines and Anticholinergics. Generic Name (Brand Name): Scopolamine (Trans-dermScop). Description: Anticholinergic for nausea and vomiting caused by motion sickness. Common Side Effects: Blurred vision, drowsiness, dry mouth, headache, constipation. Common Interactions: Alcohol, narcotic pain medications, allergy medications, tricyclic antidepressants. Online resources are listed in the front of the book (practice test, flash cards, cheat sheets, insightful youtube video, etc)

This study guide is very well laid out. The text isn't too small so it doesn't strain your eyes.

Throughout the book there are multiple choice practice questions. The difference with this guide is that it also gives you the reasons why the incorrect answers are incorrect and why the correct answer is correct. So rather than just getting a question right or wrong you can truly understand why. I think this will give you a great advantage when it comes to test time since you will not only have memorized answers, but can also weed out those tricky questions with solid reasoning. There are graphs, charts, symbols, and illustrations throughout the book where it makes sense. The company offers a free online test included with the book purchase. If you have test anxiety you can put yourself through the scenario and hopefully work through that before the actual test day. Feeling prepared is the best way to calm your nerves. Online you can also access flash cards, cheat sheets, a video about how to handle test stress. At the beginning of the book it also walks you through step by step about how to prepare for, take, and what happens after you pass the PTCE. Overall, this is a very well thought out study guide that has everything you need without being unnecessarily overwhelming. The online resources mean you get more than just a book and that makes it a great value.

I recently received this book and have been thumbing through it over the last few days. Overall, I have to say... this is a fairly good guide for prepping for the PTCB exam. It is well organized, fairly comprehensive, well-written, and easy to understand while still containing enough information to be helpful and, at times, even interesting (which is not often the case for study guides. Haha) The practice test covers a wide array of topics, and the answer key provided was both accurate and very helpful. It also has a ton of awesome online add-ons that you can utilize, which totally complement the book. All in all, it is a really good guide. I highly recommend it.

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