

## PTU 2026 Curriculum Updates: Detailed Change Log

We're excited to introduce important 2026 enhancements to Pharmacy Technicians University (PTU), designed to strengthen certification readiness, improve completion rates, and make training easier for both learners and administrators. These updates align with current PTCB standards and incorporate client feedback.

Please note that some changes only apply to specific curriculum tracks (e.g., National Standards) as not all courses are included in each curriculum. If you have questions about which updates apply to your program, your Client Success Manager is happy to provide details.

### Moved Content

**The following simulations have been moved from Unit 3 to Unit 1:**

- Communication: Angry Patient
- Communication: Hard of Hearing Patients
- Ethical Considerations
- Offering Pharmacist Counseling
- Safety Data Sheets Simulation
- Written Communication Simulation

### Other Content Migrations:

- Basic Anatomy and Physiology Overview Learning Module moved from Unit 2 to Unit 4
- C-II Perpetual Inventory Simulation are now in Controlled Substances
- Communication Companion: Improving the Patient Experience activity and quiz moved from "Prescription Drop-Off and Entry"
- Controlled Substances: Classification Module moved from Unit 7 to Unit 3
- Drug Information Resources: Package Inserts Part I moved from Unit 4 to Unit 2 (reverted to 2024 organization)
- Endocrine: Avoid Mix-ups with Meds for Weight Loss moved from "Prescription Drop Off Supporting Materials"
- Institutional Pharmacy: Crash Boxes from Institutional Pharmacy Dispensing Materials
- Medication Reconciliation Course was at the start of Unit 11, moved to end of Unit 11
- State Laws and Regulations Course moved from Unit 7 to Unit 3

### Courses Split into Shorter Lessons

- Introduction to Pharmacology Part I: Moved Drug Information Resources into a separate course in Unit 2
- Pharmaceutics split into two courses (Pharmaceutics I & II)
- Prescription Drop-Off split into two courses (Prescription Drop-Off and Entry, Prescription Drop-Off and Entry - Companion)
- Prescription Preparation split into two courses (Prescription Preparation Part I & II)
- Sterile Compounding split into two courses (Sterile Compounding Basics and Sterile Compounding Process)

## **New and Updated Clinical Content**

### **Rumor vs Truth Podcast:**

- Color Coded: Dyes in Medications
- Tackling Tetracyclines
- Shedding Light on Sunscreens
- Expired Medications
- Testosterone
- Natural Medicines

### **Clinical Capsules Podcast:**

- Pain Management Update: Meet Suzetrigine (Journavx)
- Avoiding Medication Mishaps with Pet Prescriptions
- Pneumococcal Vaccine Recommendations
- Tailoring Contraceptive Use

### **Medication Talk Podcast:**

- Asthma and COPD
- Notable New Medications

### **Pharmacy Essential Webinar Updates:**

- Pharmacy Scams
- Biosimilars
- Carbidopa/Levodopa Products for Parkinson's Disease
- Managing Seasonal Allergies
- Noncontrolled Medication Diversion
- Smoking Cessation Strategies
- The Role of OTC Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) Devices
- Bowel Preparations
- New Twists to Older Medications

## **Clinical Guidance, Practice Updates, and Resources**

- Prevent Mix-Ups with Medications for Active Tuberculosis
- The Ins and Outs of Eye and Ear Medications
- Minimize Medication Mishaps for Adults With ADHD
- Check You're Dispensing the Right Meningococcal Vaccine
- Help Navigate Redosing Medications After Vomiting
- Avoid Mishaps with Prescription and OTC Fluoride Products
- Artificial Intelligence in Pharmacy Practice
- Smart Technology in Healthcare Isn't Exactly a No-Brainer
- Redosing Oral Medications After Vomiting (Infographic)

## **Assessment Updates**

- All new questions across all exams: Unit Exams 1-12, Midterm, and Final Exams
- PTCE Practice Exams (3 total). There are two entirely new mock exams, and the existing exam has been updated to match the 2026 PTCEB's exam content.
- New Practice Midterm Exam and two new Practice Final Exams

**New or updated quizzes in the following topics:**

- Bloodborne Pathogens (updated)
- Complex Nonsterile Compounding: Oral Dosage Forms (updated)
- Complex Nonsterile Compounding: Topical Dosage Forms (updated)
- Dispensing Meds for Surgeries (new)
- Drug Information Resources (new)
- Durable Medical Equipment and Medicare (updated)
- Institutional Pharmacy Dispensing Process (updated)
- Inventory: Purchasing and Reordering (updated)
- Medications for Reconstitution (new)
- Navigating HIV Care: Prevention, Management and Treatment (updated)
- Pharmaceuticals, Modules I and II (new)
- Pharmacology (new)
- Prescription Drop-Off and Entry (new)
- Prescription Preparation (Parts I and II) (one new, one updated)
- Purchasing and Reordering
- Quality Measures 101 (new)
- Recommending Vaccines and Addressing Hesitancy (updated)
- Sterile Compounding Basics (new)
- Sterile Compounding Process. (new)

**Enhanced PTU Multiple Ways**

*We're piloting PTU Multiple Ways, giving students a choice of four learning formats— interactive + audio, interactive text, podcast, and video—for select activities and the Controlled Substances course. This flexible approach empowers learners to choose the format that fits their style, while helping us shape the future of PTU content development.*

- Pharmaceuticals II: Medications for Reconstitution
- Controlled Substances: Classifications Quiz
- Pharmacy Services: Quality Measures 101
- Institutional Pharmacy: Dispensing Meds for Surgeries

**Credit Hour Changes****Credit Hour Increases:**

- Medication Safety – Companion (0.5 hour increase from data/feedback)
- Calculation Methods (0.5 hour increase from data/feedback)
- Communication – Companion (0.5 hour increase with new content moved from another course)
- Drug Regulation and Control (0.5 hour increase from data/feedback)
- Respiratory - Companion (0.5 hour increase with new content)
- Endocrine – Companion (0.5 hour increase with new content)
- Reproductive - Companion (0.5 hour increase with new content)

**Credit Hour Decreases:**

- Communication - Companion, Part II (0.5-hour decrease; trimmed one element)
- Law (1.5-hour decrease with trimmed content, r)
- HIV Training (1 hour-decrease with one duplicative element trimmed)

- Specialty Medications (1 hour-decrease with streamlined content)
- Health and Wellness/Health Screening (2 hour-decrease with trimmed content)

### **Updated Course Names**

**Course names updated to improve clarity, consistency, and alignment with current practice:**

- Prescription Drop-Off and Entry - Companion Part II (formerly *Prescription Drop-Off and Entry Supporting Materials*)
- Inventory (formerly *Inventory Control and Management*)
- Inventory – Companion (formerly *Inventory Control and Management Supporting Materials*)
- Medication Reconciliation (formerly *Institutional Non-Dispensing Duties*)

### **Updated PTCE Domain Exam Weighting (Aligned to Current PTCB Standards)**

*Domain weighting updated to reflect the latest PTCB exam blueprint, ensuring technicians are prepared based on current certification priorities.*

- Medications: 35% of PTCE review content
- Federal Requirements: 18.75%
- Patient Safety and Quality Assurance: 23.75%
- Order Entry and Processing: 22.5%