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Pharmacy technicians are the key communication liaison between medical professionals, doctors, pharmacists and patients and may assist pharmacists in providing medications and health care products to patients.

Once you graduate from Pima Medical Institute’s Pharmacy Technician program, you can sit for an exam to become a certified pharmacy technician. As a certified pharmacy technician, you’ll receive and verify prescriptions and prepare patient medication.
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