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## **SRS to Offer Online CPhT Classes August 17th**

**Caro, MI (July 5, 2010)** – SRS Pharmacy Systems today announced that it will offer online Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) classes for pharmacies interested in having their technicians prepare for the National Certification Exam.

The course will consist of two, one-hour webinars to be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week for approximately 15 weeks. This will allow students to prepare for their certification faster and at a lower price than traditional classroom offerings. The enrollment deadline is July 30<sup>th</sup>, with classes beginning August 17, 2010.

Pharmacies interested in enrolling their employees in the CPhT class should contact SRS Support at 1.800.673.6226.

### **About SRS Pharmacy Systems**

An integrated Pharmacy Management software and systems provider servicing customers throughout the United States, SRS develops solutions that encompass the needs of retail pharmacy. Key modules include e-prescribing, POS w/IIAS, electronic signature capture, HIPAA, IVR, internet refills, EDI inventory, Visa/MC/debit/credit card processing, MARs, A/R, and thermal/laser printing. Services include web security, off-site backup, EFT payroll, health insurance, facility insurance and retirement benefits. SRS internally develops, supports and services all hardware, systems and software, allowing pharmacies to focus on their primary business while SRS manages their IT functions. SRS customers have just one phone number to call for their pharmacy, business, and IT needs. One System, One Vendor, One Call.

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## SRS Online CPhT Webinar FAQ's

- Q: What is a webinar?  
A: A webinar, also called web conferencing, is used to conduct live meetings or presentations over the Internet. Think of it as a standard phone conference call, but with the added benefit of actually viewing what the host is presenting on your computer screen.
- Q: When are the webinars held?  
A: Webinar courses will be held every Tuesday and Thursday (except holidays) at 3PM EDT. Each webinar will last approximately 1 hour. The entire Certified Pharmacy Technician webinar course will last approximately 15 weeks.
- Q: Who will conduct the webinars?  
A: The webinar classes will be hosted by SRS' very own Stacy Kendziorski. Stacy is a Certified Pharmacy Technician with over 22 years of pharmacy technician experience in hospital, DME and retail pharmacy environments. Prior to joining SRS, Stacy was the lead instructor for the Certified Pharmacy Technician program at Delta College in Bay City, MI.
- Q: What is the format of the webinar?  
A: The webinar course will consist of audio conference calls, slide presentations via the Internet and at-home testing twice a week.
- Q: How do I access the webinar? Will any computer work?  
A: Participants will log in to the webinar via the Internet using either the PKonRx main terminal or any Windows® computer, as well as a telephone to call in to a toll-free number. Detailed login instructions will be provided upon registration.
- Q: Do all states require technicians to be "certified"?  
A: No. Currently just over half of the states require pharmacy technicians to be either registered or licensed. However, in the State of Michigan, according to the MPA, legislation has been introduced to require pharmacy technicians in the State to become certified. For detailed requirements for a specific state, please contact your State Board of Pharmacy.
- Q: What is the cost of the Certified Pharmacy Technician webinar course?  
A: The cost of the 15-week webinar course is \$650, but SRS customers receive a special rate of \$450. The cost also includes the Pharmacy Certified Technician Training Manual (11<sup>th</sup> edition). Payment via credit card or check must be received by July 30<sup>th</sup> and **all costs are non-refundable**.
- Q: Does the cost include the Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination (PTCE)?  
A: The PTCE is administered by Pearson VUE Professional Testing Centers and the cost is an additional \$129. Once participants have completed the SRS webinar coursework, they will need to contact the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) to schedule their own exam.

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Q: Are there any special requirements to take the PTCE?

A: Yes. According to the PTCB, prior to taking the exam, participants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- High school diploma or its equivalent (e.g., a GED or foreign diploma).
- No conviction of a felony that is related to drugs or pharmacy. No exceptions permitted.
- No denial, suspension, revocation, or restriction of registration or licensure, consent order or other restriction by any State Board of Pharmacy. No admission of misconduct or violation of regulations of any State Board of Pharmacy.
- No felony conviction any time during the five (5) years before applying for the PTCE. If convicted of a felony more than five (5) years before the test date, PTCB will consider allowing the person to test after all related court documents are reviewed.

Q: Will this class be offered again?

A: Depending on enrollment, we hope to offer classes again in 2011.

Q: How do I sign up or who do I contact with additional questions?

A: Please contact Stacy at SRS at 1.800.673.6226 for additional information.