

Dear Pharmacy Technician,

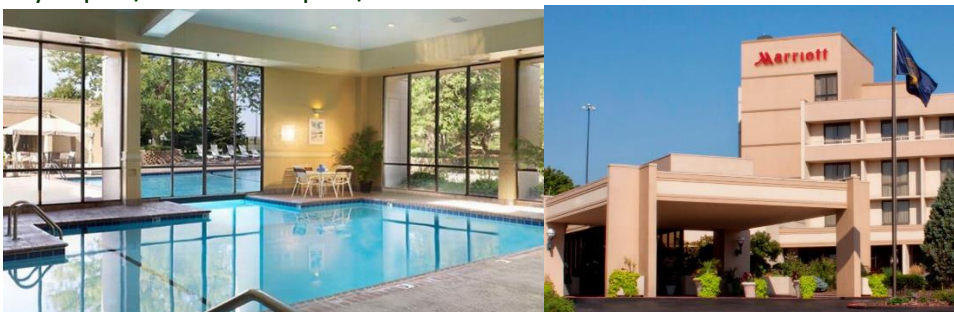
Thank you for your registration to attend AAPT Convention 2016 in Omaha, Nebraska! Your work as a pharmacy technician has a profound effect on the lives of those within your community and the role of AAPT is to support you within your professional work. AAPT Convention goal is to unify pharmacy technicians from around the country for continuing pharmacy education that promotes advancement in individual careers, reinforces patient safety and supports collaboration within the healthcare system. **Unify • Educate • Advance** This letter serves a very important purpose to help you prepare for your Convention experience. Please take a few moments to read through the information within this letter.

Hotel

Omaha Regency Marriott
10220 Regency Cir, Omaha, NE 68114
402-399-9000

[Click here to reserve a room](#)

Keeping you in mind, I chose this hotel for a few key reasons. First, achieving an affordable \$99 room rate meant that we had to book a hotel outside of the more expensive downtown area. Therefore, Omaha Regency Marriott is about 6 miles from our Convention meetings at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Pharmacy. Since the hotel isn't within walking distance to Convention, we made certain that the hotel will provide transportation for you. Another reason I chose this hotel is because there are two shopping centers within walking distance of the hotel. Westroads Mall is a large shopping mall which also has many eating options such as Cheesecake Factory and PF Changs. Regency Court is a smaller shopping mall across the street from the hotel. There is also a walking trail near to the hotel for an evening walk! I wanted you to have the option of an outdoor pool to enjoy our Nebraska weather, so Omaha Regency Marriott has an indoor/outdoor pool! Two other important hotel features are free parking and shuttle service within a 5 mile radius to shopping, eating, walking trails, etc. Other factors that I felt would be important to you are free wi-fi internet, an onsite restaurant and clean, comfortable rooms! Please remember that the hotel does not provide airport transportation. The hotel is about 11 miles from the airport with taxi service at approximately \$30 for a one-way trip to/from the airport/hotel.



Transportation

Do you plan to utilize the hotel shuttle transportation provided to Convention meetings? If so, you must email the hotel (Kim.Kaszuba@marriott.com) no later than Wednesday 6/29/16. Please include the following information in your email so that a transportation schedule can be arranged.

- 1) Name
- 2) What time and days you will need transportation from the hotel to UNMC.
- 3) What time and days you will need transportation back from UNMC to the hotel.
- 4) How many people in your room will be needing this transportation?

Parking

Please park in Lot 25S which is located at 4103 Leavenworth Street Omaha, NE 68105. [Use this link for directions to the parking lot.](#) Those in need of handicap parking may park in Lot 4. [Use this link for directions/map to handicap parking.](#) Visitor parking is free of charge.

Location

Convention meetings are held at the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Sciences located at 649 S 42nd Street Omaha, NE 68105. Room #2014



Directions to our Convention meeting room from the 25S parking lot:

42nd street is on the west side of the parking lot. Walk north along 42nd street to Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Sciences. This is approximately a 3 minute walk (less than ¼ of a mile- uphill walk). There are multiple entrances to the building. AAPT meetings will be held on the 2nd floor in room #2014 which is near the staircase.

Directions from the hotel shuttle drop off point:

The shuttle will drop you at the building. There are multiple entrances to the building. AAPT meetings will be held on the 2nd floor in room #2014 which is near the staircase.

Time

Continuing education sessions will be recorded and therefore must begin on schedule. Please allow ample time for parking, walking to the meeting room and sign in to ensure timeliness for the sessions. July 7 session sign in opens at 1pm. July 8 sessions begin at 7:30 am with a 7am breakfast.

What to Bring & Dress Code

Lecture notes are provided at meeting sign in. I suggest you bring a pen for notetaking. AAPT will provide an afternoon cookie break with bottled water. Soda and other snacks are available for purchase from the college snack shop. I suggest having a few dollars for your caffeine break ☺ No dress code for this convention - you're welcome to dress casually in shorts or dress in business attire. I strongly suggest that you dress in layers! The meeting room may be chilly to some and a welcoming temperature to others. Also, wear comfortable walking shoes. T-shirts are available at a convention discounted rate of \$10 (normally \$19 on line). I suggest you purchase a t-shirt!



About Omaha

The Omaha savings app has just been launched. Click on the orange Omaha Savings logo below and then search for "Omaha Savings" at the Apple store or at Google Play.



About the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) College of Pharmacy

UNMC College of Pharmacy is ranked 25th in the nation by US News & World Report. AAPT is privileged to have the opportunity to host Convention 2016 on UNMC campus. I would like to share University of Nebraska trivia with you.

- 1 of every 36 jobs in Nebraska is supported by the university.
- 1 of every 7 working-age Nebraskans holds a University of Nebraska degree.
- Nebraska University research is advancing knowledge in critical areas like cancer and Ebola treatment, water and agriculture, national security and defense, early childhood education, rural development, engineering and information technology, and many others.

I invite you to visit the following links for more information on the University of Nebraska's impact as well UNMC College of Pharmacy recent news.

[College of Pharmacy HIV Treatment](#)

[UNMC College of Pharmacy \\$5.1 Million in HIV Research Funding](#)

[College of Pharmacy project helps Flint residents](#)

[New US News Rankings](#)

Questions/Contact

Should questions arise between now and Convention start, please contact Bobbie Craddock, AAPT Treasurer (and Convention guru) bobbieaapt@gmail.com or call at 210-422-7112. I will be available to help you with questions during Convention.

On behalf of AAPT, thank you for your decision to attend Convention 2016. Safe travels on your journey to Omaha-I'm excited to meet you!

Judy Neville
AAPT President