

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LIII: Pharmacists

Chapter 7. Pharmacy Interns

§701. Definition

- A. A *pharmacy intern* is an individual who is not yet licensed as a pharmacist in any jurisdiction, and is:
1. engaged in the practice of pharmacy while under the direct and immediate supervision of a pharmacist for the purpose of obtaining practical experience for licensure as a pharmacist, and is satisfactorily progressing in a board-approved college of pharmacy; or
 2. a graduate of a board-approved college of pharmacy awaiting examination for licensure; or
 3. a graduate who has established educational equivalency through a program approved by the board; or
 4. an individual participating in a residency or fellowship.

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§703. Registration

- A. All pharmacy interns shall meet the following requirements for registration:
1. All pharmacy interns shall register with the board. The failure to register may result in disciplinary action by the board.
 - a. The applicant shall submit to the board office a properly completed application no later than the end of the first semester of the first academic year at a board-approved college of pharmacy.
 - b. The board may issue an Intern Registration to the applicant, upon receipt of a properly completed application, appropriate fee, and any other documentation required by the board office.
 - c. The Intern Registration shall expire one year after the certification of graduation from a board-approved college of pharmacy.
 - d. The Intern Registration shall be conspicuously displayed at the preceptor site.
 - e. The board shall reserve the right to recall or refuse to issue any Intern Registration for cause.
 2. A pharmacy intern shall wear appropriate attire and be properly identified with his name and intern status while on duty at the preceptor site.
 3. A pharmacy intern shall notify the board in writing within ten days of a change of address. This notice shall include the pharmacy intern's name, registration number, and old and new addresses.
 4. A pharmacy intern shall notify the board in writing within ten days of a change in location(s) of employment. This notice shall include the pharmacy intern's name and registration number, the name and address of old and new employment, and the permit numbers of those pharmacies involved.
 5. The pharmacy intern shall be non-impaired.
 - a. The pharmacy intern is subject to confidential random drug screen testing and/or evaluations.
 - b. A positive drug screen may be self evident as proof of improper drug use. For the purposes of this chapter, a missed screen, a screen submitted beyond the mandated period, and/or any screen submitted indicating the sample provided is diluted, substituted, or in any way adulterated is considered to be a positive drug screen.

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§705. Practical Experience

- A. All applicants for licensure by examination shall earn practical experience in the practice of pharmacy concurrent with attending or after graduation from a board-approved college of pharmacy.
- B. The practical experience shall be predominantly related to the provision of pharmacy primary care and the dispensing of drugs and medical supplies, the compounding of prescriptions, and the keeping of records and making of reports as required under federal and state law.
 1. The practical experience earned shall have been under the supervision of a certified pharmacist preceptor.
 2. A pharmacy intern shall not earn hours in a permitted pharmacy site that is on probation with the board or under the supervision of a pharmacist who is on probation with the board.
- C. Practical Experience Hours. Interns shall supply, on an affidavit form supplied by the board office, evidence of earning at least 1,500 hours of practical experience. Interns may submit their affidavit(s) to the board office for credit approval either prior to, or concurrent with, their application for pharmacist licensure.
 1. In order to receive credit for the 1,500 hours of practical experience upon certification of graduation, a pharmacy intern shall comply with the following:
 - a. Prior to beginning his final academic year in a board-approved college of pharmacy, the intern shall earn a minimum credit of 500 hours under the supervision of a certified pharmacist preceptor at a permitted pharmacy site; and
 - b. The intern shall earn a minimum credit of 1,000 hours within the board approved college of pharmacy's professional experience curriculum; and further, of the 1,000 hours within that professional experience curriculum, not less than 300 hours shall be earned in a traditional community pharmacy dispensing practice, and not less than 300 hours shall be earned in a traditional hospital pharmacy dispensing practice, as certified by the dean of the college of pharmacy.
 2. If credit is not received for the total required 1,500 hours upon certification of graduation pursuant to the provisions of §705.C.1, the intern shall earn 1,500 hours of practical experience under the supervision of a certified pharmacist preceptor at a permitted pharmacy site after certification of graduation from a board-approved college of pharmacy.
 3. Practical experience hours earned either prior to the final academic year, or after certification of graduation from a board-approved college of pharmacy, that are submitted to the board for credit consideration shall be listed on an affidavit form supplied by the board office, and signed by the certified pharmacist preceptor and pharmacy intern.
 - a. A pharmacy intern may receive credit for a maximum of 50 hours per week.
 - b. A separate affidavit shall be required from each permitted pharmacy site.
 - c. No credit shall be awarded for hours earned within the professional experience curriculum of a board-approved college of pharmacy, nor for hours earned outside the professional experience curriculum but at the same time and location as hours earned for that professional experience curriculum.
 4. Certification of Hours To and From Another Jurisdiction.
 - a. Interns enrolled in a board-approved college of pharmacy in Louisiana who earn hours of practical experience in another jurisdiction, as well as interns enrolled in a board-approved college of pharmacy in another jurisdiction who earn hours of practical experience in another jurisdiction, may transfer those hours to Louisiana under the following conditions:
 - i. The hours of practical experience shall be listed on an affidavit form supplied by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, signed by the preceptor pharmacist and the intern, and submitted to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy for consideration of credit; and
 - ii. The board of pharmacy in the jurisdiction where the hours were earned shall certify those hours to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.
 - iii. The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy may grant credit for all hours that comply with the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy's requirements as delineated in this section.

- b. Upon written request by the pharmacy intern, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy may certify practical experience hours earned in Louisiana to a board of pharmacy in another jurisdiction.
5. Credited hours of practical experience shall expire on the expiration date of the Intern Registration.

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