

What are the requirements for.....

Requirements for Continuing Education for Pharmacists

Beginning with the 2010-2011 biennium – for licensure in the 2012-2013 biennium, and in all future two year periods, the requirements for continuing education will be as follows:

- Thirty (30) hours of continuing education each biennium, as approved by the Arkansas Tripartite Committee on Continuing Pharmacy Education.^{[L][SEP]}
- A minimum of twelve (12) continuing education hours of the thirty (30) required hours, must be live contact hours, as defined by the Committee.^{[L][SEP]}
- A minimum of twelve (12) continuing education hours of the thirty (30) required hours, must be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.^{[L][SEP]}

Nursing Home Consultant CE Requirements

For renewal of a nursing home consultant pharmacist permit, it is required that, in addition to the continuing education required for all pharmacists, consultant pharmacists shall annually obtain three (3) hours of continuing education specifically related to his/her role as a consultant in a nursing home. Each consultant pharmacist shall report this continuing education on the renewal form approved by the Board.

Immunization CE requirements

Continuing competency for certification for Authority to Administer must be maintained. A minimum of two (2) of the thirty (30) hour requirement for continuing education, each biennium, must be dedicated to this area of practice. In addition, the pharmacist must maintain a current certificate in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or basic cardiac life support (BCLS).

What are the biennial periods?

January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021
January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023, Etc.

Deciphering the last three digits of ACPE numbers:

L = Live program

H = Home study or other mediated program

C = Both live and home study

Topic Designators:

01 = Disease State Management / Drug therapy

- 02 = AIDS related therapy
- 03 = Law topics (related to pharmacy practice)
- 04 = General pharmacy
- 05 = Patient safety

Target Audience Designator:

If a CPE activity's target audience is exclusively for pharmacists, the designation "P" will be used. If a CPE activity's target audience is exclusively for pharmacy technicians, the designation "T" will be used.

For more information on continuing education, see regulation 02-06-0003 or contact the Board at (501) 682-0190 or: asbp@arkansas.gov.

Requirements for a New Pharmacist License by Examination

1. Satisfactory proof of graduation from a college or school of pharmacy approved by the Board;
2. A [completed application for licensure](#) and payment of the appropriate fees;
3. Beginning March 1, 2004, successful completion of a criminal background check;
4. Successful completion of the NAPLEX exam;
5. Successful completion of the Arkansas Jurisprudence Exam;
6. Successful completion of 2,000 hours of approved intern hours of experience.

See [regulations](#) 02-01-0001, 02-01-0004 and 02-02-0001

Requirements for a Pharmacist License by Reciprocity

1. A [completed application for licensure](#) and payment of the appropriate fees;
2. Successful completion of the NABP Preliminary Application for License Transfer;
3. Successful completion of a criminal background check;
4. Successful completion of the Arkansas Jurisprudence Exam;
5. Appearance before the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy.

See [regulations](#) 02-03-0001

Requirements for a Pharmacy Technician Registration

1. The applicant must be a high school graduate or have a G.E.D.;
2. The applicant must be of good moral character;
3. Successful completion a criminal background check;
4. A completed [application for registration](#) and payment of the appropriate fees.

See [regulations](#) 03-00-0001 through 03-00-0004

Requirements for a Foreign Pharmacist to be Licensed in Arkansas

1. Satisfactory proof of graduation from a foreign college of pharmacy and completion of the NABP transcript verification process;
2. A completed [application for licensure](#) and payment of the appropriate fees;
3. Successful completion of a [criminal background check](#);
4. Successful completion of the [foreign pharmacy equivalency exam \(FPGEE\)](#);
5. Successful completion of the [test of English as a Foreign Language \(TOEFL\)](#) within two years of the completion of the FPGEE;
6. Successful completion of the Arkansas Jurisprudence Exam;
7. Successful completion of [2,000 hours of approved intern hours of experience](#).

See [regulation](#) 02-02-0001