

**DISTRICT  
OF COLUMBIA  
MUNICIPAL  
REGULATIONS  
for  
PHARMACISTS**

## CHAPTER 65      PHARMACISTS

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### **6500      GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 6500.1      This chapter shall apply to applicants for and holders of a license to practice pharmacy and to pharmacy interns.
- 6500.2      Chapters 40 (Health Occupations: General Rules), and 41 (Health Occupations: Administrative Procedures) of this title shall supplement this chapter.

### **6501      TERM OF LICENSE**

- 6501.1      Subject to § 6501.2, a license issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at 12:00 midnight the last day of February of each odd-numbered year.
- 6501.2      If the Director changes the renewal system pursuant to § 4006.3 of Chapter 40 of this title, a license issued pursuant to this chapter expires at 12:00 midnight of the last day of the month of the birthdate of the holder of the license, or other date established by the Director.

### **6502      EDUCATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

- 6502.1      Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, an applicant shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board, in accordance with § 504(i) of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.04(i) (2001), of the following:
- (a) That the applicant has successfully completed an educational program in the practice of pharmacy and holds a Bachelor of Science or Doctor of Pharmacy

degree from a school of pharmacy accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) at the time the applicant graduates; and

- (b) That the applicant has successfully completed a pharmacy internship consisting of one of the following:
- (1) One thousand (1,000) hours of pre-licensure professional practice in a program administered by a college of pharmacy accredited by ACPE at the time the applicant does the internship; or
  - (2) One thousand five hundred (1,500) hours of independent pre-licensure professional practice under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist who uses the standards for pre-licensure professional practice described in § 6502.2; or
  - (3) Two (2) rotations totaling six hundred and sixty (660) hours of pre-licensure professional practice administered by a college of pharmacy accredited by ACPE at the time the applicant does the internship and five hundred and ten (510) hours of independent pre-licensure professional practice under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist who uses the standards for pre-licensure professional described in § 6502.2.

6502.2 The Board shall give credit for independent pre-licensure professional practice required by §§ 6502.1(b)(2) and (3) if it meets the following requirements:

- (a) Seventy percent (70%) of the work was spent performing the following pharmacy tasks:
- (1) Filling prescriptions;
  - (2) Compounding drugs;
  - (3) Evaluating prescriptions
  - (4) Handling controlled substances;
  - (5) Handling toxic drugs and substances;
  - (6) Substituting generic drugs for brand name drugs;
  - (7) Storing and packing drugs;
  - (8) Instructing patients;
  - (9) Maintaining prescription records; and
  - (10) Handling veterinarian products;

- (b) A student who is enrolled in a school of pharmacy may be given credit only for hours of work performed during school breaks or vacations;
- (c) Work performed in the following areas is subject to a maximum of five hundred (500) hours of credit:
  - (1) Work-study in industry or government;
  - (2) Research; and
  - (3) Community service projects;
- (d) Credit shall not be given for more than forty (40) hours of pre-licensure professional practice hours per week; and
- (e) Credit for pre-licensure professional practice performed in the District of Columbia shall:
  - (1) Not begin to accrue until the Board has registered the intern in accordance with the procedures set forth in § 6509 of this chapter; and
  - (2) Only be given for pre-licensure professional practice hours performed as part of a formalized internship program and under the supervision of the individual's assigned preceptor.

- 6502.3 For independent pre-licensure practice hours completed in the District of Columbia, the Board shall only give credit for the independent pre-licensure professional practice required by §§ 6502.1(b)(2) and (3) if it meets the requirements set forth in § 6502.2 of this chapter.
- 6502.4 For independent pre-licensure practice hours completed outside of the District of Columbia, the Board shall recognize the hours and apply the hours to the applicant's required total for licensure only if:
- (a) The hours have been certified in writing by the Board of Pharmacy of the state in which they were obtained; and
  - (b) The hours were performed within two years from the date of the application for registration in the District of Columbia.
- 6502.5 Starting with the graduating class of 2014, in addition to the requirements of § 6502.1(b) of this chapter, each applicant for a pharmacist license shall submit proof of having completed an additional four hundred (400) hours of independent pre-licensure practice in a pharmacy setting with the emphasis being on the distribution of medicines and prescriptions.

**6503 APPLICANTS EDUCATED IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

- 6503.1 The Board may grant a license to practice pharmacy to an applicant who completed an educational program in a foreign country, which program was not recognized by the ACPE, if the applicant meets the following:
- (a) Meets all requirements of this chapter except for § 6502.1(a) and
  - (b) Demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Board that the applicant's education and training are substantially equivalent to the requirements of this chapter and the Act by submitting the documentation required by this section.
- 6503.2 An applicant under this section shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant holds a degree from a school of pharmacy with at least a five (5) year curriculum at the time of graduation, unless the applicant graduated prior to January 1, 2003 in which case a four (4) year curriculum will be accepted.
- 6503.3 An applicant under this section shall possess a Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee Certification (FPGEC).
- 6503.4 An applicant under this section shall receive passing scores on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) or its successor, and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination for the District of Columbia (MPJE) or its successor. The passing score of the NAPLEX and MPJE are the passing scores established by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy on each test that forms a part of the examinations.
- 6503.5 An applicant under this section shall submit with a completed application certified transcripts of the applicant's pharmacy educational record(s).
- 6503.6 If a document required by this chapter is in a language other than English, an applicant shall arrange for its translation into English by a translation service acceptable to the Board and shall submit to the Board a translation signed by the translator attesting to its accuracy.
- 6503.7 The Board may waive the transcript requirement of § 6503.5 on a showing of extraordinary hardship if the applicant is able to establish by substitute documentation that the applicant possesses the requisite education and degrees.
- 6503.8 The Board may interview an applicant under this section to determine whether the applicant's education or training meets the requirements of the Act and this chapter.

**6504 LICENSE BY EXAMINATION**

6504.1 To qualify for a license by examination, an applicant shall:

- (a) Meet the education requirements set forth under § 6502.1(a), or if the applicant was educated in a foreign country meet the requirements set forth under § 6503;
- (b) Meet the training requirements set forth under § 6502.1(b);
- (c) Receive a passing score on each test that forms a part of the NAPLEX, or its successor, which shall be the passing score as determined by the NABP;
- (d) Receive a passing score on each test that forms a part of the MPJE for the District of Columbia, or its successor, which shall be the passing score as determined by the NABP;
- (e) Be at least 18 years of age; and
- (f) Have not been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or bearing directly on the fitness of the applicant to be licensed.

6504.2 An applicant for licensure by examination, who has previously successfully completed the NAPLEX and/or MPJE examinations, but has not actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy in the United States or was not actively licensed as a pharmacist in the United States for more than five (5) years prior to the date of the application, in addition to the other requirements of this section, shall be required to do the following in order to qualify for licensure under this section:

- (a) Retake the NAPLEX and MPJE examinations; and
- (b) Register as a Pharmacy Intern and complete an additional pharmacy internship consisting of seven hundred and fifty (750) hours of independent pre-licensure professional practice under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist who uses the standards for pre-licensure professional practice described in § 6502 of this chapter.

6504.3 To apply for a license by examination, an applicant shall:

- (a) Submit a completed application to the Board on the required forms and include:
  - (1) The applicant's social security number on the application. If the applicant does not have a social security number, the applicant shall:
    - (i) Submit with the application a sworn affidavit, under penalty of

perjury, stating that he or she does not have a social security number; and

(ii) Submit proof acceptable to the Board that he or she is legally authorized to be in the United States, such as a Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization, Resident Alien Card, a valid foreign passport with a visa; or a work permit card from the Department of Homeland Security (I-766 or I-688B).

- (2) Two (2) recent passport-type photographs of the applicant's face measuring two inches by two inches (2" x 2"), which clearly expose the area from the top of the forehead to the bottom of the chin; and
- (3) One (1) clear photocopy of a U.S. government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, as proof of identity.

- (b) Submit official transcripts mailed directly to the Board of Pharmacy from each educational institution in a sealed envelope, which shall verify that the applicant has successfully completed an educational program in the practice of pharmacy meeting the requirements set forth in § 6502.1(a) of this chapter;
- (c) Applicants educated in foreign countries must submit a Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC) Certification in lieu of an official transcript;
- (d) Submit proof acceptable to the Board that the applicant has successfully completed a pharmacy internship meeting the training requirements set forth in § 6502.1(b) of this chapter;
- (e) Pay all required fees; and
- (f) Successfully complete the NAPLEX and MPJE examinations after receiving Board approval to take the examinations and arrange to have the score results sent directly to the Board.

6504.4 An applicant under this section shall successfully complete the NAPLEX and MPJE examinations within one (1) year from the date the Board approves the applicant to take the examinations.

6504.5 If an applicant under this section fails to successfully complete the NAPLEX and MPJE examinations within one (1) year from the date of approval to take the exam, his or her application shall be considered abandoned and closed by the Board. The applicant shall thereafter be required to reapply, comply with the current requirements for licensure, and pay the required fees.

6504.6 If an applicant under this section fails to successfully complete the NAPLEX and

MPJE examinations within one (1) year from the date of approval to take the exam, then upon expiration of his or her supervised practice letter, the applicant shall immediately cease from practicing. Thereafter the applicant may perform only the duties of a pharmacy technician until the applicant receives a pharmacist license.

6504.7 A supervised practice letter issued under this section is not renewable and shall expire one (1) year from the date of issuance.

## **6505 LICENSE BY SCORE TRANSFER**

6505.1 To qualify for a license by score transfer, an applicant shall:

- (a) Meet the education requirements set forth under § 6502.1(a), or if the applicant was educated in a foreign country meet the requirements set forth under § 6503;
- (b) Meet the training requirements set forth under § 6502.1(b);
- (c) Have received a passing score on each test that forms a part of the NAPLEX, or its successor, which shall be the passing score as determined by the NABP;
- (d) Receive a passing score on each test that forms a part of the MPJE for the District of Columbia, or its successor, which shall be the passing score as determined by the NABP;
- (e) Be at least 18 years of age;
- (f) Have not been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or bearing directly on the fitness of the applicant to be licensed; and
- (g) Have requested a score transfer to the District of Columbia at the time the applicant applied to take his or her initial NAPLEX examination.

6505.2 To apply for a license by score transfer, an applicant shall:

- (a) Submit a completed application to the Board on the required forms and include:
  - (1) The applicant's social security number on the application. If the applicant does not have a social security number, the applicant shall:
    - (i) Submit with the application a sworn affidavit, under penalty of perjury, stating that he or she does not have a social security number; and



- (ii) Submit proof acceptable to the Board that he or she is legally authorized to be in the United States, such as a Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization, Resident Alien Card, a valid foreign passport with a visa, or a work permit card from the Department of Homeland Security (I-766 or I-688B).  
or a valid foreign passport with a visa.
  - (2) Two (2) recent passport-type photographs of the applicant's face measuring two inches by two inches (2" x 2"), which clearly expose the area from the top of the forehead to the bottom of the chin; and
  - (3) One (1) clear photocopy of a U.S. government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, as proof of identity.
- (b) Submit the NABP score transfer form with the application for licensure;
- (c) Submit proof acceptable to the Board that the applicant has successfully completed a pharmacy internship meeting the training requirements set forth in § 6502.1(b) of this chapter;
- (d) Pay all required fees; and
- (e) Successfully complete the MPJE examination after receiving Board approval to take the examination and arrange to have the score result sent directly to the Board.
- 6505.3 An applicant under this section shall successfully complete the MPJE examination within one (1) year from the date the Board approves the applicant to take the examination.
- 6505.4 If an applicant under this section fails to successfully complete the MPJE examination within one (1) year from the date of approval to take the exam, his or her application shall be considered abandoned and closed by the Board. The applicant shall thereafter be required to reapply, comply with the current requirements for licensure, and pay the required fees.
- 6505.5 If an applicant under this section fails to successfully complete the MPJE examination within one (1) year from the date of approval to take the exam, then upon expiration of his or her supervised practice letter, the applicant shall immediately cease from practicing. Thereafter the applicant may become registered as a registered pharmacy technician, if he or she meets the requirements for registration, and perform only the duties of a registered pharmacy technician until the applicant receives a pharmacist license.
- 6505.6 A supervised practice letter issued under this section is not renewable and shall expire one (1) year from the date of issuance.

**6506 LICENSE BY RECIPROCITY WITH LICENSURE TRANSFER**

6506.1 To qualify for a license by reciprocity with license transfer, an applicant shall:

- (a) Meet the education requirements set forth under § 6502.1(a), or if the applicant was educated in a foreign country meet the requirements set forth under § 6503;
- (b) Have met the training requirements in the state in which his or her initial license was obtained;
- (c) Have received a passing score on each test that forms a part of the NAPLEX, or its successor, which shall be the passing score as determined by the NABP;
- (d) Receive a passing score on each test that forms a part of the MPJE for the District of Columbia, or its successor, which shall be the passing score as determined by the NABP;
- (e) Be at least 18 years of age;
- (f) Have not been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or bearing directly on the fitness of the applicant to be licensed; and
- (g) Obtain a NABP licensure transfer to the District of Columbia.

6506.2 To apply for a license by reciprocity with licensure transfer, an applicant shall:

- (a) Submit a completed application to the Board on the required forms and include:
  - (1) The applicant's social security number on the application. If the applicant does not have a social security number, the applicant shall:
    - (i) Submit with the application a sworn affidavit, under penalty of perjury, stating that he or she does not have a social security number; and
    - (ii) Submit proof acceptable to the Board that he or she is legally authorized to be in the United States, such as a Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization, Resident Alien Card, a valid foreign passport with a visa; or a work permit card from the Department of Homeland Security (I-766 or I-688B).
  - (2) Two (2) recent passport-type photographs of the applicant's face measuring two inches by two inches (2" x 2"), which clearly expose the

area from the top of the forehead to the bottom of the chin; and

(3) One (1) clear photocopy of a U.S. government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, as proof of identity.

(b) Submit the NABP licensure transfer form to the District of Columbia with the application for licensure;

(c) Pay all required fees; and

(d) Successfully complete the MPJE examination after receiving Board approval to take the examination and arrange to have the score result sent directly to the Board.

6506.3 An applicant under this section shall successfully complete the MPJE examination within six (6) months from the date the Board approves the applicant to take the examination.

6506.4 If an applicant under this section fails to successfully complete the MPJE examination within six (6) months from the date of approval to take the exam, his or her application shall be considered abandoned and closed by the Board. The applicant shall thereafter be required to reapply, comply with the current requirements for licensure, and pay the required fees.

6506.5 If an applicant under this section fails to successfully complete the MPJE examination within six (6) months from the date of approval to take the exam, then upon expiration of his or her supervised practice letter, the applicant shall immediately cease from practicing. Thereafter the applicant may become registered as a registered pharmacy technician, if he or she meets the requirements for registration, and perform only the duties of a registered pharmacy technician until the applicant receives a pharmacist license.

6506.6 A supervised practice letter issued under this section is not renewable and shall expire six (6) months from the date of issuance.

#### **6507 LICENSE BY RECIPROCITY WITH WAIVER OF LICENSURE TRANSFER FORM**

6507.1 Only applicants who were previously licensed in the District of Columbia to practice pharmacy may apply for licensure by reciprocity with waiver of licensure transfer.

6507.2 To apply for a license by reciprocity with waiver of licensure transfer form, an applicant shall:

(a) Submit a completed application to the Board on the required forms and

include:

- (1) The applicant's social security number on the application. If the applicant does not have a social security number, the applicant shall:
    - (i) Submit with the application a sworn affidavit, under penalty of perjury, stating that he or she does not have a social security number; and
    - (ii) Submit proof acceptable to the Board that he or she is legally authorized to be in the United States, such as a Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization, Resident Alien Card, a valid foreign passport with a visa; or a work permit card from the Department of Homeland Security (I-766 or I-688B).
  - (2) Two (2) recent passport-type photographs of the applicant's face measuring two inches by two inches (2" x 2"), which clearly expose the area from the top of the forehead to the bottom of the chin; and
  - (3) One (1) clear photocopy of a U.S. government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, as proof of identity.
- (b) Submit proof acceptable to the Board of previous licensure in the District of Columbia to practice pharmacy;
  - (c) Submit verification of current licensure in good standing in another state to practice pharmacy; and
  - (d) Pay all required fees.

## **6508 SUPERVISED PRACTICE OF PHARMACY**

6508.1 Only the following persons may practice pharmacy under supervision:

- (a) An applicant for a pharmacist license whose initial application for licensure is pending before the Board and who has received a supervised practice letter from the Board, but shall be limited to the same scope of duties as a registered pharmacy intern;
- (b) A licensee who is working under supervised practice pursuant to an Order of the Board;
- (c) A pharmacy intern who is registered with the Board, subject to the limitations set forth under District of Columbia law and regulations; or

(d) An applicant who is required pursuant to this chapter to complete professional practice hours in order to obtain licensure, reinstatement of licensure, or reactivation of licensure.

6508.2 A supervisor shall be responsible for ensuring that the individual(s) under his or her supervision is authorized to practice under supervision and may be subject to disciplinary action for supervising unlicensed or unauthorized personnel.

6508.3 For purposes of this section, supervision shall mean that the supervisor is physically present in the pharmacy area and shall include personal observation where appropriate, evaluation, oversight, review, and correction of services provided by the supervisee.

6508.4 A supervisor shall be fully responsible for supervised practice by a supervisee during the period of supervision, and is subject to disciplinary action for any violation of the Act or this chapter by the person being supervised.

6508.5 A supervisee shall be subject to all applicable provisions of the Act and this chapter.

6508.6 If the Board finds that a person practicing under supervision has violated the Act or this title, the Board may, in addition to any other disciplinary actions permitted by the Act, deny, revoke, suspend, or restrict the privilege of the supervisee to practice.

## **6509 REGISTRATION OF PHARMACY INTERNS**

6509.1 Except as provided in 6509.2 of this chapter, this section shall apply to pharmacy interns who are performing independent, pre-licensure professional practice in satisfaction of the internship required by § 6502.1(b)(2) and (3) under the supervision of a pharmacist licensed in the District of Columbia.

6509.2 Starting with the graduating class of 2014, all individuals engaging in pre-licensure professional practice or working as a pharmacy intern in the District shall register with the Board after entering the first professional year of a college of pharmacy whether or not the hours will be counted toward the total requirement for licensure as a pharmacist.

6509.3 A pharmacy intern is required to be registered with the Board as an intern before being employed as an intern in a pharmacy in the District or beginning an internship.

- 6509.4 Credit for internship hours performed in the District of Columbia shall not begin to accrue until the Board has registered the intern and shall only be given for pre-licensure professional practice hours performed as part of a formalized internship program and under the supervision of the individual's assigned preceptor.
- 6509.5 To qualify to register to perform a pharmacy internship, an applicant shall:
- (a) Meet the education requirements set forth under § 6502.1(a), or if the applicant was educated in a foreign country meet the requirements set forth under § 6503, or be currently enrolled in an educational program in the practice of pharmacy at an ACPE accredited school or school pending initial ACPE accreditation;
  - (b) Be at least 18 years of age; and
  - (c) Have not been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or bearing directly on the fitness of the applicant to be registered.
- 6509.6 To register as a pharmacy intern, an applicant shall:
- (a) Submit a completed application to the Board on the required forms and include:
    - (1) The applicant's social security number on the application. If the applicant does not have a social security number, the applicant shall:
      - (i) Submit with the application a sworn affidavit, under penalty of perjury, stating that he or she does not have a social security number; and
      - (ii) Submit proof acceptable to the Board that he or she is legally authorized to be in the United States, such as a Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization, Resident Alien Card, a valid foreign passport with a visa; or a work permit card from the Department of Homeland Security (I-766 or I-688B).
    - (2) Two (2) recent passport-type photographs of the applicant's face measuring two inches by two inches (2" x 2"), which clearly expose the area from the top of the forehead to the bottom of the chin; and
    - (3) One (1) clear photocopy of a U.S. government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, as proof of identity.
  - (b) Submit official transcripts mailed directly to the Board of Pharmacy from each educational institution in a sealed envelope, which shall verify that the applicant has successfully completed an educational program in the practice

of pharmacy meeting the requirements set forth in § 6502.1(a) or § 6503.1(a) of this chapter or is currently enrolled in an educational program in the practice of pharmacy at an ACPE accredited school ;

- (c) Applicants educated in foreign countries must submit a Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC) Certification in lieu of an official transcript;
- (d) Pay all required fees; and
- (e) Submit a completed preceptor form signed by his or her preceptor which shall include:
  - (1) The name and District of Columbia pharmacist license number of the preceptor;
  - (2) The location where the internship will be performed;
  - (3) A description of the duties the intern will perform;
  - (4) The expected start date of the internship; and
  - (5) The Oath of the Preceptor set forth in § 6511.3 of this chapter.

6509.7 For applicants who have graduated from a college of pharmacy prior to registering as an intern, a registration as a pharmacy intern shall expire one (1) year from the date of its issuance. The Board may, in its discretion, renew a registration for successive periods of one (1) year if the pharmacy intern demonstrates due diligence in working toward completing the clinical internship requirement of § 6502.1(b)(2) or (3).

6509.8 For applicants enrolled in a college of pharmacy at the time of registering as an intern, a registration as a pharmacy intern shall be valid until whichever of the following occurs first:

- (a) While he or she is enrolled in a pharmacy program and for not more than one year after his or her graduation from the pharmacy program;
- (b) Until such intern is expelled, suspended, dismissed or withdraws from an approved pharmacy program; or
- (c) Until such intern becomes licensed as a pharmacist.

**6510 PRE-LICENSURE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE OF PHARMACY INTERNS**

- 6510.1 This section shall apply to pharmacy interns who are performing independent, pre-licensure professional practice in satisfaction of the internship required by §§ 6502.1(b)(2) and (3) under the direct supervision of a pharmacist in the District, or who are otherwise registered with the Board to practice as a pharmacy intern.
- 6510.2 No person not properly registered with the Board as a pharmacy intern shall take, use, or exhibit the title of pharmacy intern, intern, extern, graduate pharmacist or any other similar title.
- 6510.3 A pharmacy intern may practice as an intern under the supervision of any pharmacist licensed in good standing in the District of Columbia. However, the Board shall only grant pre-licensure professional practice hours for those pharmacy tasks:
- (a) Performed under the supervision of the intern's Board approved assigned preceptor; and
  - (b) Where the preceptor was physically present on the pharmacy premises and in the pharmacy area at the time.
- 6510.4 A pharmacy intern shall not change preceptors or worksites without first submitting a new preceptor form to the Board.
- 6510.5 A pharmacy intern shall not compound or dispense any drug by prescription except under the direct supervision of a pharmacist licensed under the Act who is physically present and guiding the action.
- 6510.6 A pharmacy intern shall not accept an oral prescription for a Schedule II controlled substance.
- 6510.7 A pharmacy intern may not perform a final review or exercise final decision-making with respect to any of the following without the prior review and approval of the licensed pharmacist: drug utilization review; clinical conflict resolution, prescriber contact concerning prescription drug order clarification or therapy modification; or dispensing process validation.
- 6510.8 A pharmacy intern shall be identified by badge as an intern while performing pharmacy tasks.
- 6510.9 A pharmacy intern shall not in any manner falsely represent or imply to the public that he or she is a pharmacist.



- 6510.10 A pharmacy intern shall not supervise another pharmacy intern, a pharmacy student, or a pharmacy technician.
- 6510.11 The Board shall only give credit for independent pre-licensure professional practice hours required by §§ 6502.1(b)(2) and (3) if the work meets the following requirements set forth in § 6502.2 of this chapter.

## **6511 DUTIES OF A PRECEPTOR**

- 6511.1 This section shall apply only to preceptors who are supervising pharmacy interns in the performance of independent, pre-licensure professional practice in satisfaction of the internship required by § 6502.1(b)(2) and (3) of this chapter.
- 6511.2 To qualify to serve as a preceptor, a pharmacist shall:
- (a) Be licensed in good standing to practice pharmacy in the District of Columbia;
  - (b) Have been engaged in the practice of pharmacy for at least two (2) years on a full-time basis immediately prior to serving as a preceptor; and
  - (c) Not currently be the subject of a disciplinary sanction or investigation in any jurisdiction.
- 6511.3 Prior to supervising a pharmacy intern, a preceptor shall sign the “Oath of Preceptor,” which states as follows:
- “I submit that I shall answer all questions concerning the training of the pharmacy intern under my supervision truthfully to the best of my knowledge and belief and that the training I provide will in accordance to the requirements set forth in 17 DCMR §§ Chapter 65 and the practice of pharmacy as required by law.”
- 6511.4 Before allowing any person to work as a pharmacy intern, the preceptor shall verify that the person is currently registered with the Board.
- 6511.5 A preceptor shall ensure that at least seventy percent (70%) of a pharmacy intern’s training consists of learning to perform the following tasks:
- (a) Filling prescriptions;
  - (b) Compounding drugs;
  - (c) Evaluating prescriptions;
  - (d) Handling controlled substances;

- (e) Handling toxic drugs and substances;
- (f) Substituting generic drugs for brand name drugs;
- (g) Storing and packaging drugs;
- (h) Instructing patients;
- (i) Maintaining prescription records; and
- (j) Handling veterinary products.

- 6511.6 A preceptor shall be responsible for the tasks performed by a pharmacy intern. A preceptor may be disciplined for any violation of the Act or this chapter in the performance of pharmacy tasks by the intern and under the preceptor's supervision.
- 6511.7 A preceptor shall not supervise more than one pharmacy intern at one time while the intern is on duty and performing internship tasks without prior approval by the Board. This provision shall not apply to students who are enrolled in ACPE accredited programs while performing clerkship hours toward fulfillment of graduation requirements.
- 6511.8 If the preceptor has evidence of, or strongly suspects, that the pharmacy intern may have violated any law or regulation regarding the practice of pharmacy, prescription drugs or controlled substances, the preceptor shall notify the Board in writing, within ten (10) days or immediately, if any danger to the public health or safety may exist.

**6512 ADMINISTRATION OF IMMUNIZATIONS AND VACCINATIONS BY PHARMACISTS**

- 6512.1 A pharmacist shall not administer immunizations and vaccinations unless certified by the Board of Pharmacy in accordance with this section to do so.
- 6512.2 An applicant for certification to administer immunizations and vaccinations shall do the following:
- (a) Submit a completed application and pay the required fee;
  - (b) Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that he or she:
    - (1) Is licensed in good standing under the Act to practice pharmacy;

- (2) Possesses an active certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation for health care providers; and
- (3) Has successfully completed an ACPE approved course approved by the Board of Pharmacy which:
  - (A) Is evidence-based;
  - (B) Includes study material;
  - (C) Includes hands-on training in techniques for administering immunizations or vaccines;
  - (D) Requires testing with a passing score;
  - (E) Meets current Center for Disease Control and Prevention training guidelines; and
  - (F) Provides a minimum of twenty (20) hours of instruction and hands-on training in:
    - (i) Basic immunology and vaccine protection;
    - (ii) Vaccine-preventable diseases;
    - (iii) Vaccine storage and management;
    - (iv) Informed consent;
    - (v) Physiology and techniques for vaccine administration;
    - (vi) Pre and post-vaccine assessment and counseling;
    - (vii) Immunization record management; and
    - (viii) Identification, appropriate response, documentation, and reporting of adverse events.

6512.3 A pharmacist certified by the Board to administer immunizations and vaccinations shall:

- (a) Maintain current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation for health care

providers;

- (b) Complete two (2) hours of continuing education each renewal period relevant to the administration of immunizations and vaccinations, as part of the continuing education credits required under subsection 6513.4 of this chapter and submit proof upon request to the Board; and
- (c) Administer vaccines and immunizations in accordance with CDC guidelines.

6512.4 The location in the pharmacy where vaccinations and immunizations are administered shall:

- (a) Ensure privacy;
- (b) Be maintained to promote an aseptic environment;
- (c) Have adequate telecommunications devices to summon aid and communicate emergency situations; and
- (d) Have adequate equipment and supplies to respond to adverse events and emergency situations

6512.5 A pharmacist certified by the Board to administer immunizations and vaccinations shall only administer immunizations and vaccinations pursuant to:

- (a) A written protocol signed and dated by a District of Columbia licensed physician authorizing the administration upon receipt of a written protocol; and
- (b) A valid prescription; or
- (c) Physician standing order

6512.6 A copy of the written protocol required in § 6512.5 shall be maintained by the administering pharmacist at the pharmacy practice site and readily available for inspection upon request of the Board of Pharmacy or submitted to the Board for review upon request.

6512.7 The written protocol shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

- (a) A statement identifying the individual physician authorized to prescribe drugs and responsible for the delegation of administration of immunizations or vaccinations;
- (b) A statement identifying the individual pharmacist(s) authorized to administer

immunizations or vaccinations as delegated by the physician;

- (c) A statement identifying the patient or groups of patients to receive the authorized immunization or vaccination; which shall be limited to:
- (1) Patients who are currently under the individual physician's care or with whom the physician has provided medical treatment or care within the twelve months prior to the date of the written protocol;
  - (2) Patients who are currently under the practice's care or with whom a physician within the practice has provided medical treatment or care within the twelve months prior to the date of the written protocol;
  - (3) Residents of a health care, residential services, or assisted living facility, when the medical director of such facility is the physician making the delegation;
  - (4) District resident populations identified by the Director of the Department of Health as part of a public health services program, when the Director, or his or her designee, is the physician making the delegation;
  - (5) Inmates of the District of Columbia jail, when the medical director for the facility is the physician making the delegation; and
  - (6) The patient group covered by the protocol may cover any person age eighteen (18) and older with valid identification, if the protocol is expressly limited to only pneumococcal vaccinations and influenza vaccinations, including but not limited to H1N1 and other epidemic vaccinations which are then currently called for by the World Health Organization or the Center for Disease Control at the time of the vaccination; and
- (d) A statement identifying the location(s) at which the pharmacist may administer immunizations or vaccinations which shall not include where a patient resides, except for a licensed nursing home, residential care facility, assisted living center, the District of Columbia jail, or a hospital;
- (e) A statement identifying the immunizations and vaccinations and emergency anaphylactic reaction treatment that may be administered by the pharmacist;
- (f) A statement identifying the activities the pharmacist shall follow in the course of administering immunizations and vaccinations, including procedures to follow in the case of reactions following administration; and
- (g) A statement that describes the content of, and the appropriate mechanisms for

the pharmacist to report the administration of immunizations and vaccinations to the physician issuing the written protocol within the time frames specified in the protocol; which shall include providing the physician with a copy of the following records:

- (1) The name, address, gender, allergies and date of birth of the individual receiving the immunization or vaccination;
- (2) The date of administration
- (3) The route and site of the immunization or vaccination;
- (4) The name, dose, manufacturer's lot number, and expiration date of the vaccine;
- (5) The name of the pharmacist administering the immunization or vaccination;
- (6) Any adverse events encountered.

- 6512.8 The pharmacist shall review the written protocol annually with the physician.
- 6512.9 Except as provided in § 6512.10, a pharmacist certified by the Board to administer immunizations and vaccinations shall not administer an immunization or vaccination to any individual younger than eighteen (18) years old and must obtain acceptable proof of age before administration.
- 6512.10 A pharmacist certified by the Board to administer immunizations and vaccinations shall only administer an immunization or vaccination to an individual under the age of eighteen (18) upon a referral from a physician who has an established physician-patient relationship with the patient.
- 6512.11 Except as provided in § 6512.12, a pharmacist certified to administer immunizations and vaccinations shall not delegate any function or duty, in part or in whole, pertaining to the administration of immunizations and vaccinations.
- 6512.12 A pharmacist certified to administer immunizations and vaccinations may permit a pharmacy student in a pharmacy experiential program, who has successfully completed a Board-approved certification course to administer influenza vaccinations under the pharmacist's direct supervision to an individual who is eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- 6512.13 Every patient receiving an immunization or vaccination by a pharmacist certified to do so, shall be provided with a current vaccine information statement.
- 6512.14 The pharmacist shall obtain the patient's informed written consent prior to

administering the immunization or vaccination.

- 6512.15 As part of the informed consent, the practitioner and the pharmacist shall provide written disclosure to the patient of any contractual arrangement with any other party or any financial incentive that may impact one of the party's decisions to participate in the agreement.
- 6512.16 The pharmacist shall maintain a copy of the patient's informed written consent on file at the pharmacy practice site where the administration was given for a period of two (2) years after the date of administration.
- 6512.17 The pharmacist shall maintain documentation at the pharmacy practice site where the immunization or vaccination was administered for a period of two (2) years that includes:
- (a) The name, address, gender, allergies and date of birth of the individual receiving the immunization or vaccination;
  - (b) The date of administration
  - (c) The route and site of the immunization or vaccination;
  - (d) The name, dose, manufacturer's lot number, and expiration date of the vaccine;
  - (e) The name and address of the primary health care provider of the individual receiving the immunization or vaccination as identified to the pharmacist by that individual;
  - (f) The date on which the vaccination or immunization information was reported to the delegating physician;
  - (g) The name of the pharmacist administering the immunization or vaccination;
  - (h) The version of the vaccination information statement provided to the patient;
  - (i) A copy of the signed patient informed consent form; and
  - (j) Any adverse events encountered.
- 6512.18 The records required to be maintain pursuant to this chapter shall be readily available for inspection upon request of the Board of Pharmacy or submitted to the Board for review upon request.
- 6512.19 A pharmacist certified under this chapter may administer the vaccinations and immunizations, and emergency anaphylactic reaction treatment deemed

appropriate by the delegating physician as specifically set forth in the written protocol.

6512.20 The administering pharmacist shall report the immunizations and vaccinations administered as required under any federal or District Immunization Information System or Immunization Registry or as otherwise agreed in the written protocol.

6512.21 The administering pharmacist shall report any adverse event, which occurs in connection with or related to an administration, to the Director of the Department of Health as required under the District's Mandatory Adverse Event Reporting law and regulations in D.C. Official Code § 7-161 (2007) and 17 DCMR § 4017.4.

### **6513 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

6513.1 Except as provided in § 6513.2, this section shall apply to applicants for the renewal, reactivation, or reinstatement of a license for a term expiring February 28, 2011, and for subsequent terms.

6513.2 This section shall not apply to applicants for an initial license by examination or reciprocity, nor does it apply to applicants for the first renewal of a license.

6513.3 A continuing education credit shall be valid only if it is part of a program approved by the Board in accordance with § 6514 of this chapter.

6513.4 An applicant for renewal of a license shall:

(a) Have completed a minimum of forty (40) contact hours of continuing education credit in approved programs, which shall include at least two (2) hours in Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) training and at least two (2) hours in medication/dispensing errors training during the two (2) year period preceding the date the license expires;

(b) Attest to completion of the required continuing education credits on the renewal application form; and

(c) Be subject to a random audit.

6513.5 Not more than thirty (30) contact hours of continuing education credit may be accepted in any renewal period, or for reinstatement or reactivation of a



license for approved home study or other mediated instruction continuing education courses.

- 6513.6 A minimum of ten (10) contact hours of the required forty (40) continuing education credits shall be obtained by attendance at live continuing education programs.
- 6513.7 To qualify for a license, a person in inactive status within the meaning of § 511 of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.11 for five (5) years or less who submits an application to reactivate a license shall submit proof pursuant to § 6513.10 of having completed twenty (20) contact hours of approved continuing education credit in the year immediately preceding the date of the application, which shall include at least two (2) hours in Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) training and at least two (2) hours in medication/dispensing errors training.
- 6513.8 To qualify for a license, a person in inactive status within the meaning of § 511 of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.11 for more than five (5) years who submits an application to reactivate a license shall submit proof pursuant to § 6513.10 of having completed approved continuing education credit in the year immediately preceding the date of the application as follows:
- (a) Forty (40) contact hours of approved continuing education credit which shall include at least two (2) hours in Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) training and at least two (2) hours in medication/dispensing errors training; and
  - (b) One hundred sixty (160) hours within a sixty (60) day period of professional practice under the supervision of a pharmacist performing tasks listed in § 6502.2(a).
- 6513.9 To qualify for a license, an applicant for reinstatement of a license shall submit proof pursuant to § 6513.10 of having completed approved continuing education credit in the year immediately preceding the date of the application as follows:
- (a) Forty (40) contact hours of approved continuing education credit which shall include at least two (2) hours in Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) training and at least two (2) hours in medication/dispensing errors training; and
  - (b) One hundred sixty (160) hours within a sixty (60) day period of professional practice under the supervision of a pharmacist performing tasks listed in § 6502.2(a).
- 6513.10 Except as provided in § 6513.12, an applicant under this section shall prove

completion of required continuing education credits by submitting with the application the following information with respect to each program:

- (a) The name and address of the sponsor of the program;
- (b) The name of the program, its location, a description of the subject matter covered, and the names of the instructors;
- (c) The dates on which the applicant attended the program;
- (d) The hours of credit claimed; and
- (e) Verification by the sponsor of completion, by signature or stamp.

6513.11 Beginning with the 2005 renewal period, the Board shall conduct a random audit of continuing education credits at the completion of each renewal period.

6513.12 Applicants for renewal of a license shall only be required to prove completion of the required continuing education credits by submitting proof pursuant to § 6513.10 if requested to do so as part of the random audit, or if otherwise requested to do so by the Board.

6513.13 An applicant for renewal of a license who fails to renew the license by the date the license expires may renew the license for up to sixty (60) days after the date of expiration by completing the application, submitting the required supporting documents, and paying the required late fee. Upon renewal, the applicant shall be deemed to have possessed a valid license during the period between the expiration of the license and the renewal thereof.

6513.14 If an applicant for renewal of a license fails to renew the license and pay the late fee within sixty (60) days after the expiration of applicant's license, the license shall be considered to have lapsed on the date of expiration. The applicant shall thereafter be required to apply for reinstatement of an expired license and meet all requirements and fees for reinstatement.

6513.15 The Board may, in its discretion, grant an extension of the sixty (60) day period, up to a maximum of one (1) year, to renew after expiration if the applicant's failure to renew was for good cause. As used in this section, "good cause" includes the following:

- (a) Serious and protracted illness of the applicant; and
- (b) The death or serious and protracted illness of a member of the applicant's immediate family.

6513.16 An extension granted under this section shall not exempt the pharmacist from

complying with the continuing education requirements for any other renewal period.

**6514 APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

6514.1 The Board may, in its discretion, approve continuing education programs that contribute to the growth of an applicant in professional competence in the practice of pharmacy and which meet the other requirements of this section.

6514.2 The Board may approve continuing education programs that meet the requirements of § 6514.3 and provide instruction in one of the following subjects:

- (a) Properties and actions of drugs and drug dosage forms;
- (b) Etiology, characteristics, and therapeutics of the disease state;
- (c) Pharmaceutical practice;
- (d) Legal, psychological, and socio-economic aspects of health care delivery; or
- (e) Principles, techniques, and theories of pharmacy management and administration.

6514.3 To qualify for approval by the Board, a continuing education program shall be a lecture, conference, seminar, course of instruction, or workshop and be prepared, offered, or administered by one of the following:

- (a) Providers approved by the ACPE;
- (b) The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (sponsored or co-sponsored) and designated as an American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award Category 1 program by the sponsoring organization;
- (c) A governmental unit;
- (d) A health care facility; or
- (e) An institution of higher learning recognized by an accrediting body approved by the Secretary of the United States Department of Education.

6514.4 The Board may issue a list of approved continuing education programs.

6514.5 An applicant shall have the burden of verifying whether a program is approved by the Board pursuant to this section prior to attending the program.

6514.6 The Board may approve the following continuing education activities by an applicant:

- (a) Serving as an instructor or speaker at a lecture, conference, seminar, workshop, course of instruction, or in-service training; and
- (b) Publication of an article or book review in a professional journal or bulletin or publication of a book or chapter in a book.

## **6515 CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS**

6515.1 A contact hour shall consist of at least fifty (50) minutes of instruction in an approved continuing education program and shall equal one-tenth (0.1) of a continuing education credit (“CEU”).

6515.2 For approved undergraduate or graduate courses, each semester hour of credit constitutes fifteen (15) contact hours of continuing education credit, and each quarter hour constitutes ten (10) contact hours of continuing education credit.

6515.3 The Board may grant a maximum of ten (10) contact hours of continuing education credits per year to an applicant who attends in-service education programs.

6515.4 The Board may grant credit for both preparation and presentation time to an applicant who serves as an instructor or speaker at an acceptable program, subject to the following restrictions:

- (a) The maximum amount of credit which may be granted for preparation time is twice the amount of the associated presentation time; and
- (b) The maximum amount of credit which may be granted pursuant to this subsection is fifty percent (50%) of an applicant’s continuing education requirement; and
- (c) The presentation must have been completed during the period for which credit is claimed.

6515.5 The Board may grant an applicant who is an author or editor of a published book in the field of pharmacy thirty (30) contact hours of continuing education credits, if the book has been published or accepted for publication during the period for which credit is claimed, and the applicant submits proof of this fact with the application.

6515.6 The Board may grant an applicant who is an author of a published original paper in the field of Pharmacy eight (8) contact hours of continuing education credits, subject to the same restrictions set forth for books in § 6515.5.

6515.7 The Board may grant an applicant who is the sole author of a published book review, review paper, or abstract, in the field of Pharmacy, two (2) contact hours of continuing education credits, subject to the same restrictions set forth for books in § 6515.5.

**[6516-6517] RESERVED**

**6518 BOARD OF PHARMACY**

6518.1 The Board shall elect from its members a secretary and such other officers as it deems appropriate and necessary to conduct its business.

6518.2 The secretary, in the chairperson's absence, shall have all of the powers and may perform all of the duties of the chairperson.

6518.3 The Board shall meet at least twice each calendar year and shall hold additional meetings as deemed necessary by the Board upon proper notice in the District of Columbia Register.

6518.4 The chairperson or a majority of the Board may call special meetings upon reasonable notice to all Board members.

**6599 DEFINITIONS**

6599.1 As used in this chapter, the following terms have the meanings ascribed:

**ACPE**— The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

**Act**- The District of Columbia Health Occupation Revision Act of 1985 ("Act"), effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 et seq.)

**Administer**— The direct application of a prescription drug by injection, inhalation, ingestions, or any other means to the body of a patient

**Adulterated drug or device** – an adulterated drug or device as defined in § 501 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. § 351.

**Applicant** – a person applying for a license to practice pharmacy under this chapter.

**Board** – the Board of Pharmacy, established by § 208 of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.08 (2001).

**Coded prescription** – a prescription employing words and symbols chosen by the prescriber and a cooperating pharmacist for secrecy from other pharmacists.

**Contact hour** – a period of at least fifty (50) minutes of instruction in a continuing education program. One (1) contact hour equals one-tenth (0.1) of a continuing education credit.

**Department**—The District of Columbia Department of Health.

**Director**— The Director of the District of Columbia Department of Health.

**Distribution**--the actual, constructive, or attempted transfer from one person to another, other than by administering or dispensing, of a drug or medical device whether or not there is an agency relationship.

**Enrolled in a pharmacy program**—In order to be considered enrolled in a school of pharmacy, a person shall not be absent from school for more than two (2) consecutive semesters or three (3) consecutive quarters.

**FPGEC**- Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee.

**Home-Study and other Mediated Instruction** - Covers all continuing education activities, including Internet courses, which do not provide for direct interaction between faculty and participants and may include audio tapes, video tapes, cable television, computer assisted instruction, journal articles, monographs, etc.

**Immunization**— The act of inducing antibody formation, thus leading to immunity.

**MPJE**- Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination for the District of Columbia

**NABP**- National Association of Boards of Pharmacy

**NAPLEX**- North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination

**Pharmacist** – a person licensed to practice pharmacy under the Act.

**Pharmacy intern** – a person registered in the District to practice pharmacy under the direct supervision of a pharmacist and who is fulfilling internship (sometimes called externship) requirements in accordance with the chapter.

**Preceptor** – means a pharmacist licensed in good standing in the District, who has been approved by the Board to supervise the pre-licensure professional practice of a pharmacy intern.

**Prescriber** – a health professional licensed in the United States and authorized by law to prescribe the particular drug or device.

**Prescription Drug** – one of the following drugs:

- (a) A drug which under federal law is required, prior to being dispensed or delivered, to be labeled in substance with either of the following statements:
  - (1) “Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription”; or
  - (2) “Caution: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.”;
- (b) A drug which is required by any applicable federal or District law or regulation to be dispensed on prescription only; or
- (c) A drug that is restricted to use by health professional and allied practitioners for research.

**Registration** – a document issued by the Board authorizing a pharmacy intern to do pre-licensure professional practice in the District with a designated preceptor.

**Supervised practice letter**— document issued by the Board authorizing the individual to practice the same scope of duties as a pharmacy intern under the supervision of a pharmacist licensed under the Act, while his or her application for licensure in the District of Columbia is pending or as otherwise authorized by the Board.

**Vaccination**— Administration of any antigen in order to induce immunity; is not synonymous with immunization since vaccination does not imply success.

**Written protocol**— a specific written plan for a course of medical treatment containing a written set of specific directions created by the physician for one or more patients.

6599.2 The definitions in § 4099 of chapter 40 of this title are incorporated by reference and made applicable to this chapter.