



## **PHARMACIST CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

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Ohio pharmacists are required to obtain a minimum of 6.0 CEUs (60 Hours) reported every three years, earned during the three years prior to license renewal.

The following provides a quick overview of the Board's continuing education requirements:

- Any format (live, home study) is acceptable
- 55 hours any topic of your choosing (ACPE or Board-approved in-state provider)
- Minimum 2 hours med errors/patient safety (ACPE -05)
- Minimum 3 hours (ACPE -03) law or Ohio Board of Pharmacy Approved Jurisprudence

### **In-State Provider Changes (Effective September 16, 2018)**

Effective September 16, 2018, rule [4729-6-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code](#) will go into effect, which limits the types of courses that may be presented for CE credit. In-state providers will only be allowed to grant CPE credit for pharmacy jurisprudence courses or the [provision of volunteer healthcare services](#). [Rule 4729-6-02](#) of the Administrative Code stipulates that all jurisprudence programs from in-state providers must be approved by the Board of Pharmacy prior to the presentation of the program.

**IMPORTANT: Any CE credit which was already granted prior to September 16, 2018 will still be accepted by the Board.**

### **Continuing Education Reporting Cycle**

<b>License Number</b>	<b>Year to report C.E.U.s</b>	<b>C.E.U.s Must be Dated Between</b>
03-3-XXXXX	2018	9/16/2015 – 9/15/2018

**NOTE: New requirements for reporting continuing education will go into effect in 2019. This document will be updated to reflect the changes in the coming months.**

Pursuant to [4729-7-08](#) of the Administrative Code, a pharmacist may satisfy CE requirements by providing evidence that the pharmacist has met the requirements of and is currently certified by a Board approved pharmacy practice-specific specialty certification program. The pharmacy practice specific specialty certification program shall require periodic recertification examinations and provide documentation that the pharmacist is currently certified by the program. The pharmacist with an approved pharmacy practice specific specialty certification must also provide evidence of having completed at least **0.3 C.E.U.s of pharmacy jurisprudence and 0.2 C.E.U.s of patient or medication safety per CE reporting cycle.**



Ohio Board approved pharmacy practice specific specialty certification programs (Resolution adopted January 12, 2016):

- Board of Pharmacy Specialties in Nuclear Pharmacy
- Board of Pharmacy Specialties in Nutrition Support Pharmacy
- Board of Pharmacy Specialties in Oncology Pharmacy
- Board of Pharmacy Specialties in Pharmacotherapy
- Board of Pharmacy Specialties in Psychiatric Pharmacy
- Board of Pharmacy Specialties in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy
- Certified Specialist in Poison Information
- Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy
- Board of Pharmacy Specialties in Pediatric Pharmacy
- Board of Pharmacy Specialties in Critical Care

**OHIO LICENSED PHARMACISTS WHO PRACTICE OUTSIDE THE STATE OF OHIO** and hold a current license in a state where continuing education is mandatory and have met the continuing pharmacy education requirements of that other state may renew their Ohio license without meeting Ohio-specific CE requirements.

**ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES:** The Board may grant extension periods and waivers for C.E.U. requirements for the time in which the active duty took place. *To ask for consideration, please write a letter of explanation to the Board (Attention: Pharmacist Licensing Examiner) and include official documentation of the active duty timeframes.*

**ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS:** The Board may approve relevant military education, training or service towards C.E.U. requirements. *To ask for consideration, please write a letter of explanation to the Board (Attention: Pharmacist Licensing Examiner) and include official documentation of the experience along with total hours for consideration.*