



CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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Continuing Education: 6.0 CEUs (60 Hours) minimum, reported every three years, earned during the three years prior to license renewal

- Any format (live, home study) is acceptable
- 55 hours any topic of your choosing
- Minimum 2 hours med errors/patient safety (ACPE -05)
- Minimum 3 hours (ACPE -03) law **OR BOARD OF PHARMACY APPROVED** Jurisprudence

New Rule Changes (Effective January 15, 2016)

Patient/Medication Safety: Effective January 15, 2016, pharmacists will be required to complete 0.2 C.E.U.s of patient or medication safety per CE reporting cycle. Patient or medication safety related continuing education is defined as any [A.C.P.E.](#) program as identified by A.C.P.E. numbering convention "05" that deals with the prevention of healthcare errors and the elimination or mitigation of patient injury caused by healthcare errors.

NOTE: Pharmacists that are required to report continuing education in 2016 must ensure they have completed 0.2 C.E.U.s of patient or medication safety prior to the reporting deadline of September 15, 2016. This also applies to pharmacists who are currently certified by a Board approved pharmacy practice-specific specialty certification program.

If you have already completed 0.2 C.E.U.s of patient or medication safety continuing education prior to January 15, 2016 and during the C.E.U. reporting dates (see chart below), then you have satisfied the requirement of the rule.

Pharmacy Jurisprudence: Effective January 15, 2016, pharmacists have two options to meet the current requirement that they obtain 0.3 C.E.U.s of pharmacy jurisprudence per CE reporting cycle. These two options are:

1. [A.C.P.E.](#) law programs as identified by A.C.P.E numbering convention "03"; or
2. If provided by an in-state provider of continuing education, Board approved continuing pharmacy education programs that deal with current laws, rules, and regulations dealing with the practice of pharmacy and the recent changes that have occurred to those laws, rules and regulations. A list of Board approved courses can be accessed from the Board's continuing education web site: <http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Licensing/CE.aspx>.

NOTE: A.C.P.E. law programs successfully completed prior to January 15, 2016 and during the C.E.U. reporting dates (see chart below) will count towards meeting jurisprudence requirements.



Continuing Education Reporting Cycle

License Number	Year to report C.E.U.s	C.E.U.s Must be Dated Between
03-1-XXXXX	2016	3/1/2013 – 9/15/2016
03-2-XXXXX	2017	3/1/2014 – 9/15/2017
03-3-XXXXX	2018	9/16/2015 – 9/15/2018
03-1-XXXXX	2019	9/16/2016 – 9/15/2019

Included at the end of this document are the Administrative Codes applicable to continuing education requirements for licensed pharmacists.

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 (**Updated**)

OHIO LICENSED PHARMACISTS WHO, DURING AN ENTIRE CE REPORTING CYCLE, HAVE PRACTICED EXCLUSIVELY 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 the specific Ohio 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.*