



## Pharmacist Continuing Education (CE) Reporting Requirements

**Updated 8/21/2020**

Effective September 16, 2018, [rule 4729:1-5-02 of the Ohio Administrative Code](#) updates the required minimum continuing education units (CEUs) pharmacists are required to obtain and aligns the reporting period to the biennial (two-year) renewal cycle.

Specifically, pharmacists are required to obtain a minimum of 4.0 CEUs (40 hours) every two years prior to license renewal. Every pharmacist, no matter of license number will be on the same reporting cycle beginning with the 2019 renewal. Please refer to the chart on the next page for hours required for the 2021 reporting period.

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

- Any format (live, home study) is acceptable
- Minimum 40 hours (4 CEUs) total, which must include:
  - Minimum 2 hours medication errors/patient safety (ACPE -05)
  - Minimum 2 hours jurisprudence or law (ACPE -03) or Ohio Board of Pharmacy Approved Jurisprudence
- **NOTE:** Only ACPE courses and CE from approved in-state providers (law and provision of volunteer healthcare services) are accepted. Some examples of courses that are not accepted include continuing medical education (CME) and continuing legal education (CLE).

### **For New Licensees Only**

For a newly licensed Ohio pharmacist who obtains an initial license by reciprocity or examination during an even-numbered year or prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> in an odd-numbered year, the pharmacist must complete the following continuing education requirements prior to the next renewal cycle:

- Any format (live, home study) is acceptable
- Minimum 20 hours (2 CEUs) total, which must include:
  - Minimum 1-hour medication errors/patient safety (ACPE -05)
  - Minimum 1-hour jurisprudence or law (ACPE -03) or Ohio Board of Pharmacy Approved Jurisprudence
- **NOTE:** Only ACPE courses and CE from approved in-state providers (law and provision of volunteer healthcare services) are accepted. Some examples of courses that are not accepted include continuing medical education (CME) and continuing legal education (CLE).



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

Effective September 16, 2018, new rules ([4729-6](#)) make changes to in-state providers of continuing education. These changes include:

- In-state providers will only be allowed to grant CE credit for pharmacy jurisprudence courses or the [provision of volunteer healthcare services](#).
- All jurisprudence programs from in-state providers must be approved by the Board of Pharmacy prior to the presentation of the program.
- Limits to the type of courses that may be presented for CE credit.

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

## **Continuing Education Requirements by Reporting Cycle**

<b>License Number</b>	<b>2021 Reporting Cycle*</b>
03-1-XXXXX 03-2-XXXXX 03-3-XXXXX	Total Hours – 40 Law/Jurisprudence – 2 Patient Safety/Medication Errors – 2 Earned between Sept. 16, 2019 and Sept. 15, 2021
03-4-XXXXX <i>Issued prior to April 30, 2019</i>	Total Hours – 40 Law/Jurisprudence – 2 Patient Safety/Medication Errors – 2 Earned between Sept. 16, 2019 and Sept. 15, 2021
03-4-XXXXX <i>Issued between May 1, 2019 and Sept. 15, 2019</i>	Total Hours – 40 Law/Jurisprudence – 2 Patient Safety/Medication Errors – 2 Earned between initial date of licensure and Sept. 15, 2021
03-4-XXXXX Issued between Jan. 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021	Total Hours – 20 Law/Jurisprudence – 1 Patient Safety/Medication Errors – 1 Earned between initial date of licensure and Sept. 15, 2021
03-4-XXXXX Issued between May 1, 2021 and Sept. 15, 2021	Not required to report

**\*Pharmacists who meet the continuing education requirements via a Board approved pharmacy practice-specific specialty certification are still required to obtain the required CEUs in pharmacy law and patient or medication safety listed above.**

## **Proof of Completion**

All ACPE credits earned shall be reported to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) CPE Monitor. Pharmacists shall keep all certificates and other documented evidence of participation that have been issued by a non-ACPE accredited provider for approved credits for a minimum of one year following the year in which the CE was required for renewal. Pharmacists are only required to supply documentation as proof of completion when requested by the Board.

A pharmacist may satisfy some of the CE requirements by the following:

- Holds a current certification by a Board approved pharmacy practice-specific specialty certification

program. The program shall require periodic recertification examinations and provide documentation that the pharmacist is currently certified in the program. The pharmacist must still earn and provide evidence at the time of license renewal of having completed at least 0.2 CEUs (2 hours) of pharmacy jurisprudence/law and 0.2 CEUs (2 hours) of medication errors/patient safety per CE reporting cycle.

- Provide healthcare services as volunteer in accordance with [section 4745.04 of the Ohio Revised Code](#). The location where health care services are provided shall be an approved in-state provider of volunteer healthcare services by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy. **Volunteer hours may account for one-third of the CE requirement (13 hours).** The pharmacist must still earn and provide evidence at the time of license renewal of having completed at least 0.2 CEUs (2 hours) of pharmacy jurisprudence/law and 0.2 CEUs (2 hours) of medication errors/patient safety per CE reporting cycle.

## **Board Approved Pharmacy Practice-Specific Specialty Certification Programs**

*Resolution Adopted August 7, 2018*

- Board of Pharmacy Specialties in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy
- Board of Pharmacy Specialties in Cardiology Pharmacy
- Board of Pharmacy Specialties in Compounded Sterile Preparations Pharmacy
- Board of Pharmacy Specialties in Critical Care
- Board of Pharmacy Specialties in Geriatric Pharmacy
- Board of Pharmacy Specialties in Infectious Diseases Pharmacy
- 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 Pediatric Pharmacy
- Board of Pharmacy Specialties in Pharmacotherapy
- Board of Pharmacy Specialties in Psychiatric Pharmacy
- Certified Specialist in Poison Information

## **Ohio Licensed Pharmacists Practicing Outside the State of Ohio**

Rule [4729:1-5-02](#) states: Ohio-licensed pharmacists who hold a current license in states where continuing education is mandatory, have met the continuing pharmacy education requirements of that state, and who have not practiced pharmacy in Ohio at any time during the two years prior to the renewal date in which a pharmacist's license must be renewed, may renew their license in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code without having to comply with the requirements of this rule.

## **Military Extensions and Waivers**

**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: Director of Licensing) 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: Director of Licensing) and include official documentation of the experience along with total hours for consideration.*