

# How to Obtain a Pharmacy License in the State of Ohio

The applicant must have graduated from an accredited college of pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree and completed 1,500 internship hours.



The applicant must then complete the following steps:

1. Apply for the North American Pharmacist License Exam (NAPLEX) and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (MPJE) through the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.
2. Complete the "Pharmacist Application for Examination" on the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy web site.
3. Complete Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) and FBI background checks and fingerprinting.
4. Provide a Certificate of Pharmacy Education to the Board office.
5. If the Board approves the application, the applicant can schedule and take NAPLEX and MPJE. If they pass, they are then issued a license by the Board.

Out-of-state Pharmacists can obtain an Ohio license through reciprocity. For more information, visit:

[www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/veterans](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/veterans).

# Why Choose a Career in Pharmacy?

- Employment of Pharmacists is projected to grow 14 percent from 2012 to 2022. Increased demand for prescription medications will lead to more demand for pharmaceutical services.
- Pharmacists work in a wide array of professional settings to maximize health outcomes. Such settings include: retail and independent pharmacies, hospitals, nursing homes, managed care organizations, the pharmaceutical industry, colleges and schools, and the federal government.
- The median annual wage for Pharmacists was \$116,670 in May 2012.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2014-15 Edition

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## For More Information on the Pharmacy Profession

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
[www.aacp.org](http://www.aacp.org)

American Pharmacists Association  
[www.pharmacist.com/pharmacy-profession](http://www.pharmacist.com/pharmacy-profession)

National Association of Boards of Pharmacy  
[www.nabp.net](http://www.nabp.net)

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics  
[www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/pharmacists.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/pharmacists.htm)

# Supporting Our Veterans



## A Quick Reference Guide to Pharmacist and Pharmacy Intern Licensure and Veteran Benefits in Ohio



[www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/veterans](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/veterans)

## How to Obtain a Pharmacy Intern License in the State of Ohio



A student must be attending an accredited college of pharmacy for a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree. Once the student has successfully completed a minimum of sixty semester or ninety quarter hours of

college work, the student can apply for an intern license by completing the following steps:

1. Complete an application that is on the Pharmacy Intern page of the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy web site.
2. Have your pharmacy school provide a Verification of Enrollment Certificate to the Board office.
3. Complete an Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) and FBI background check and fingerprinting. Instructions are available on the Board's web site.
4. After the application, Verification of Enrollment Certificate and background checks are received, the candidate will be reviewed and, if applicable, approved for an intern license.

For more information on intern licensing, please visit:

[www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/veterans](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/veterans)

## How Does the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy Support Military Spouses?

As the spouse of an active duty veteran, you may be entitled to a number of benefits including:



- Licensing fee waivers.
- Reciprocity fee waivers.
- Extensions for licensing renewal and continuing education when a spouse is called to active duty.

For more information on these benefits please visit:

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## How Does the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy Support Veterans?

The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy considers a veteran as anyone who is serving or has served under honorable conditions in any component of the Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserve. As a veteran, you may be entitled to a number of benefits including:

- Reimbursement of testing fees through the GI Bill.
- Licensing fee waivers.
- Reciprocity fee waivers.
- Military training counted towards Pharmacist continuing education requirements.
- Extensions for licensing renewal and continuing education when called to active duty.

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