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Ohio Pharmacy Technicians: Earn Free CE by Participating in PTCB's Job Task Analysis Survey

PTCB is conducting a job analysis study to understand the important work that pharmacy technicians are currently doing to ensure medication safety and provide the best patient care. A key part of this study is a nationwide survey of pharmacy technicians. All pharmacy technicians, certified or not, are encouraged to complete the survey.

The survey is part of an ACPE-accredited continuing education (CE) course called "From Past to Present: How a Job Analysis Shapes the Future of Pharmacy Technicians," hosted by CEimpact. Once you complete the course, including the survey, you will earn one hour of CE, and it is totally free!

The course and survey won't be available for long, so act now to secure your free hour of CE!

How it works:

1. Begin the [free CE course](#).
2. Complete the survey which is linked from within the course.
3. At the end of the survey, follow the instructions for redeeming your one hour of CE.

Have questions? [See FAQs in the PTCB Help Center](#).

Registered Pharmacy Technician Renewal Opens Today, January 31st

Registered pharmacy technicians who are eligible for renewal this year have received an email letting them know the renewal period is now open. Please be reminded that as part of the renewal process, a registered pharmacy technician will be required to complete a total of **ten contact hours** (1.0 CEUs) of continuing pharmacy education between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2024.

All registered pharmacy technicians must obtain a **free CPE monitor account** from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. This account will be used to report and monitor the successful completion of ACPE-approved continuing pharmacy education.

To review the renewal email that was sent out to renewing registered pharmacy technicians, please visit: <https://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/technicianrenewal2024>

Inspection Guide Update: Prescribing Compounding

The Board recently updated its [Prescribing Compounding Inspection Guide](#) to clarify that Ohio law does not permit licensed practical nurses (LPNs) to engage in drug compounding (see ORC 4723.18[C][5]) or the verification of compounded drugs prior to administration.

Licensees should review the following updated sections of the guide to ensure compliance with Ohio laws and rules:

- Immediate Use Sterile Non-Hazardous Drugs Compounded by a Prescriber (see Pages 24-25)
- Non-Hazardous Drugs Compounded by a Prescriber (see Pages 34-35)
- Hazardous Drugs Compounded by a Prescriber (see Pages 57-58)

As a reminder, OAC [4729:7-3-07](#) permits a prescriber to delegate medication validation of a finished compounded product to a pharmacist prior to being administered to a patient.

Reminder: Changes of Responsible Person

Each terminal distributor and drug distributor is required to have a responsible person associated with their license. To verify the responsible person on your license, use the Board's License Lookup feature here:

<https://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Licensing/LicenseLookup>.

To update the responsible person, you will need to file a **Change of Responsible Person** request in [eLicense Ohio](#). A helpful step-by-step guide is available [here](#).

As a reminder, Ohio rules require notification to the Board within 10 days of the change of responsible person. For more information on the qualifications to be a responsible person on a license, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/RP.

Ohio's Well-Being CARE Service

Ohio's Well-Being CARE Service is a free tool just for Ohio-licensed healthcare workers to take a quick assessment and, if needed, connect with vetted mental health resources.

All participation is anonymous and completely voluntary.

Click the following link to visit Well-Being CARES:

<https://www.wellbeingcare.org/welcome.cfm?access=2>

Reminder: Board Is Offering Free Fentanyl Test Strips and Naloxone Brochures to All Ohio Licensees

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy continues to offer to all licensees no-cost fentanyl test strips and educational handouts in partnership with the Office of Governor Mike DeWine, RecoveryOhio, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and the Ohio Department of Health. Each licensee can request up to two boxes of fentanyl strips per order (100 strips per box), and the Board's [educational handouts](#) are also available (100 handouts per pack). Strips will be available until supplies last and may be reordered by the same location if running low.

Orders for fentanyl test strips and handouts must be placed online using the following link: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/FTSorder.

In addition to test strips, licensees may request naloxone overdose and recognition [brochures](#) while supplies last. Use the following link to order:

www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/nalbrochure.

DUE TO GRANT FUNDING RESTRICTIONS, WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO OFFER STRIPS TO LICENSEES LOCATED IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

Licensee Scam Warning: Avoid Scammers in 2024

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy continues to learn that licensees are being targeted by scammers who claim to work for various governmental agencies (Board of Pharmacy, DEA, FBI, Department of Justice, etc.) to obtain money from the target. The Board strongly encourages licensees to be alert to avoid scammers.

Scammers may try to initiate contact via phone calls, emails, faxes, and letters purporting to originate from various state and federal agencies that include allegations of drug trafficking and threats of suspension against the target's license.

Board of Pharmacy investigators will not ask for fine payment or personal/sensitive information over the phone and will never contact licensees via fax. As a reminder, administrative fines issued by the Board are not paid via gift cards or cryptocurrency. If the Board of Pharmacy is conducting an investigation and that individual faces action against their license, they will receive an official notice of opportunity for a hearing either via certified mail or by personal service.

If you are contacted by a scammer, please report this information using the Board's online complaint form: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/complaint. Additionally, reports should be made to your local law enforcement agency.

If you receive any suspicious calls or correspondence purporting to be from the Board of Pharmacy, we encourage you to call (614-466-4143) or email (contact@pharmacy.ohio.gov) the Board to confirm its legitimacy.

Please note that if you choose to unsubscribe from receiving emails, this unsubscribes you from all emails that are sent by the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy, including renewal reminders. If you believe you have unsubscribed in error, you may subscribe by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/subscribe. If you would like to change your email address, please log into your [eLicense Ohio](#) account to update the email address on file.

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