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## **Certified Pharmacy Technician CE Requirements** **(Oregon Board of Pharmacy and National)**

### **Oregon Board of Pharmacy Requirements**

<http://www.pharmacy.state.or.us/Pharmacy/Licensing.shtml>

Requires 1 hour law CE every year. The Board will accept any law CE that your national certification will accept or the Oregon Board of Pharmacy official law CE. This needs to be completed every year prior to renewal of the *Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician* license. You must keep current with your national technician certification and have a valid Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician license.

#### **855-025-0015**

##### **Renewal of Licensure as a Certified Pharmacy Technician**

(2) An applicant for renewal of a certified pharmacy technician license must:

(b) During each period from September 1 through August 31, complete and report at least one hour of pharmacy law, appropriate to the applicant's work setting and functions. Fifty minutes equal one contact hour.

(3) The Board may randomly select and audit applications for renewal to verify completion of the continuing education reported on the application for renewal. Certified pharmacy technicians whose applications for renewal are selected for audit must provide documentation of completion of the continuing education reported

#### **855-025-0020**

##### **Recordkeeping Responsibilities of Pharmacy Technicians and Certified Pharmacy Technicians**

(3) Certified pharmacy technicians must obtain certificates of completion that show the date and number of hours earned to document continuing education credit earned and must keep the certificates of completion for three years from the date of the program.

### **Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) & Institute for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ICPT)**

both require 20 hours total every 2 years, with at least one of those 20 hours as law. Hours can not be carried over from previous renewals.

Both national organizations allow college classes to be counted.

### **PTCB REQUIREMENTS**

[https://www.ptcb.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=CE\\_Credits&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=3280](https://www.ptcb.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=CE_Credits&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=3280)

- You must earn all continuing education hours within the two-year certification period, on or before your expiration date. You may not use the 90-day late fee extension period to complete your continuing

education hours. No continuing education hours earned before passing the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Examination may be used for recertification

- PTCB allows one college course during each two-year certification period. The college course must be in either a Life Science (Chemistry, Biology, Anatomy, etc.) or Math, and counts as 15 hours of CE.
- You may earn a maximum ten of the twenty hours at your workplace under the direct supervision of the pharmacist(s). However, these credits may not be earned by working ten hours at your regular duties. You should arrange with your supervising pharmacist for the completion of specially assigned in-service projects or training and may include computer training, inventory control, IV admixtures, videos, self-study articles from professional pharmacy journals, etc.
  - Your supervising pharmacist records these in-service hours on the PTCB Universal Continuing Education Form. All other continuing education courses should award their own Certificate of Participation. A PTCB Universal Continuing Education Form should not be completed for those courses that issue a Certificate of Participation.

## **ICPT REQUIREMENTS**

[http://www.nationaltechexam.org/recertification\\_requirements.html](http://www.nationaltechexam.org/recertification_requirements.html)

- To be approved, CE credit must be related to pharmacy technician practice
- ICPT allows any college course in mathematics, life sciences or pharmaceutical sciences to be accepted. Applicable college courses with a grade of "C" or better will also be eligible for CE credit at the rate of 15 CE hours for each a 3 credit-hour course offered on a semester basis (i.e., three hours a week for 15 weeks). Courses offered on a quarter basis will be credited for 15 hours for a 4 credit-hour course (i.e., four hours per week for approximately 11 weeks). The maximum number of CE credits earned through college courses during a two-year period is 15
- If the continuing education provider is accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE), the ACPE program number should also be included with the CE certification. ACPE accreditation of the program provider is not mandatory to receive continuing education credit.
- It is necessary that you retain your continuing education Certificates of Participation during your two-year certification period plus one more year following your recertification application. Send photocopies of your Certificates of Participation to ICPT only if requested as part of an audit.
- In-service training programs may be:  
CE programs for which you do not have a Certificate of Participation,  
other training or projects completed under the supervision of a pharmacist in which you developed new knowledge or skills to improve your abilities as a pharmacy technician.
- Certificates of Participation must be obtained for each CE program. This certificate must include:
  - participant's name
  - date of the program
  - name of the sponsor\*
  - program title
  - number of contact hours
  - signature of a person responsible for the program

## Locating Pharmacy Technician CE

### Online CE Programs

- [www.rxschool.com](http://www.rxschool.com)
- [www.ncpanet.org/education/ce.php](http://www.ncpanet.org/education/ce.php)
- <http://www.nacds.rxschool.com>
- [www.powerpak.com](http://www.powerpak.com)

### Oregon Board of Pharmacy official law CE:

- <http://www.pharmacy.state.or.us/Pharmacy/Licensing.shtml>

### Other Sources:

- Workplace: Pharmacy (community, hospital, home health care, long-term care, nuclear), pharmaceutical industry, or other practices of pharmacy;
- National pharmacy organizations such as American Pharmacists Association, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, American Association of Pharmacy Technicians, etc.;
- State pharmacy organizations
- Colleges of pharmacy, Universities, colleges, community colleges;
- Pharmacy technician training programs;
- computer-assisted instruction
- journal articles with a CE test
- audio or video recordings with a CE test
- live presentations