

# **BOARD OF PHARMACY**

## **DIVISION 31**

### **INTERNSHIP REGULATIONS**

#### **855-031-0005**

##### **Definitions**

(1) An "intern" means any person who:

(a) Is enrolled in a course of study and is in good academic standing at a school or college of pharmacy that is approved by the Oregon Board of Pharmacy (Board); or

(b) Is a graduate of a school or college of pharmacy that is approved by the Board; or

(c) Is a foreign pharmacy graduate and holds a certificate from the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Committee (FPGEC); and

(d) Is licensed with the Board as an intern.

(2) A "preceptor" means a pharmacist or a person licensed by the Board to supervise the internship training of an intern.

(3) "Internship" means a professional experiential program or work experience.

(a) "Traditional Pharmacy-practice Internship (TPI)" means experience toward achieving competency in the practice of pharmacy for which no academic credit is granted to the intern.

(b) "School-based Rotational Internship (SRI)" means experience toward achieving competency in the practice of pharmacy in programs developed and administered by a school of pharmacy.

(c) "Other Internship" means experience toward achieving competency in the practice of pharmacy, other than in an internship as defined in (a) or (b), in a program approved by a school of pharmacy or the Board.

(4) "School of pharmacy": In this division of rules, "school of pharmacy" means a school or college of pharmacy that is approved by the Board.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 689.151, 689.205  
Stats. Implemented: 689.255

## **855-031-0010**

### **Internship License Application-**

(1) Applications for licensure as an intern may be obtained from the Board office or from the Board web site at [www.pharmacy.state.or.us](http://www.pharmacy.state.or.us).

(a) Failure to completely, accurately and honestly answer all questions on the application form for licensure or renewal of licensure is grounds for discipline;

(b) Failure to disclose any arrest for a felony or misdemeanor, or any indictment for a felony may result in denial of the application.

(2) The Board may issue a license to a qualified intern after the receipt of:

(a) A completed application;

(b) Payment of the fee prescribed in OAR 855-110-0005;

(c) A current, passport regulation size photograph (full front, head to shoulders);

(d) Any fingerprint card or other documentation required by the Board to conduct a criminal background check; and

(e) Confirmation from a school of pharmacy that the applicant is enrolled in a course of study, except for foreign pharmacy graduates who must:

(A) Provide a copy of a valid visa permitting full-time employment;

(B) Provide the original certificate issued by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination Committee; and

(C) Provide evidence that they have passed the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet-based Test (IBT) with a minimum score of 26 in Speaking, 21 in Reading, 18 in Listening and 24 in Writing, however scores will be accepted until June 30, 2010 from candidates who have already passed or are scheduled to take the TOEFL and the Test of Spoken English (TSE).

(3) The Board may issue an intern license after processing the application, however unless the applicant is a foreign graduate or an applicant for licensure by reciprocity, it is not valid until the intern has started a course of study. For licenses issued after May 1, 2010, the initial license is valid until the last day of November following the second

anniversary of issue unless terminated automatically by any one of the following events. Renewed licenses are valid for two years unless terminated automatically by any one of the following events:

- (a) Licensure to practice pharmacy is granted in any state; or
  - (b) The licensee, other than a foreign pharmacy graduate or an applicant for licensure by reciprocity, fails to maintain enrollment or active registration in a pharmacy degree program for a period greater than one year; or
  - (c) The licensee, other than a foreign pharmacy graduate or an applicant for licensure by reciprocity, has been graduated from a school of pharmacy for 12 months;
  - (d) The intern is dismissed, terminated or expelled by the school of pharmacy, or withdraws from the program.
- (4) An intern must surrender their license to the Board within 30 days of one of the above events.
- (5) Notwithstanding the requirements of section (3) above, upon written request the Board may waive any of the requirements of this rule if a waiver will further public health and safety. A waiver granted under this section shall only be effective when it is issued in writing.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 689.151, 689.205

Stats. Implemented: ORS 689.207, 689.255, 2009 OL, Ch. 536

## **855-031-0020**

### **Internship Requirements and Responsibilities**

- (1) A licensed intern may practice in any one or a combination of the following approved internship experience areas:
- (a) Traditional Pharmacy-practice Internship (TPI); however, an intern may not work in a TPI until they have satisfactorily completed the first academic year in a school of pharmacy. An intern working in a TPI must be supervised by a licensed pharmacist;
  - (b) School-based Rotational Internship (SRI); an intern must be supervised by a licensed pharmacist or other person approved by a school of pharmacy in order to obtain credit for SRI hours;
  - (c) Other Internship; these internship experiences must be approved by the school of pharmacy and supervised by a person approved by the school or the Board.

- (2) An intern may not work more than 48 hours per week in SRIs.
- (3) An intern must verify that their preceptor is currently licensed with the Board.
- (4) An intern may not work in the practice of pharmacy unless supervised by a licensed pharmacist, except when an intern is working in a federal facility, however, to obtain credit for SRI experience in a federal facility located in Oregon, the intern must be licensed with the Board.
- (5) An intern who is working in a pharmacy or other place of business must conspicuously display their intern license in the pharmacy or place of business.
- (6) The school of pharmacy must maintain a record of each intern's SRIs. This record must be made available to the Board upon request.
- (7) A school of pharmacy located in Oregon must submit a report on their experiential education program to the Board at the end of each academic year. This report must include the names of students who successfully completed the program and graduated. The school must maintain a list of preceptors and SRI sites, in and out-of-state, approved by the school and must make this list available to the Board upon request.
- (8) An intern may make a voluntary report to the Board on any preceptor's aptitude and professionalism in performing the duties of a preceptor. An intern must make such a report upon request by the Board.
- (9) An intern must notify the Board within 15 days of any change in their academic status that might affect their eligibility to work as an intern.
- (10) An intern must notify the Board in writing within 15 days of a change in permanent residence.
- (11) An intern must report to the Board within 10 days if they are:
  - (a) Convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony; or
  - (b) Arrested for a felony.
- (12) An intern who has reasonable cause to believe that another licensee (of the Board or any other Health Professional Regulatory Board) has engaged in prohibited or unprofessional conduct as these terms are defined in OAR 855-006-0005, must report that conduct to the board responsible for the licensee who is believed to have engaged in the conduct. The intern shall report the conduct without undue delay, but in no event later than 10 working days after the intern learns of the conduct unless federal laws relating to confidentiality or the protection of health information prohibit disclosure.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 689.151, 689.205  
Stats. Implemented: 689.255, 2009 OL, Ch. 536

### **855-031-0030**

#### **Out-of-State Internship Experience**

(1) In order for an Oregon intern to obtain credit for SRI experiences outside the State of Oregon, an intern must:

- (a) Be licensed as required by state laws and rules in the state in which they will practice;
- (b) Meet or exceed the minimum SRI requirements of the Board;

(2) In order for an out-of-state intern to practice in the State of Oregon, the intern must meet all requirements of these rules.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 689.151, 689.205  
Stats. Implemented: 689.255

### **855-031-0045**

#### **Preceptor Licensure and Responsibilities**

(1) A preceptor license may be issued by the Board upon receipt of a completed application.

(2) A pharmacist preceptor must have been an actively practicing pharmacist for at least one year immediately prior to supervising an intern.

(3) A preceptor license must be renewed concurrent with licensure as a pharmacist and is valid through June 30.

(4) The preceptor may report to the Board voluntarily, the progress and aptitude of an intern under the preceptor's supervision, or must do so upon request of the Board.

(5) The preceptor must be responsible for supervision of the majority of the intern's SRI hours and must provide the intern with internship experiences, which in the preceptor's judgment will increase the intern's competency in the practice of pharmacy.

(6) A preceptor must maintain written or electronic records that support the number of TPI hours claimed by an intern while under their supervision. Such records must be retained for three years and made available to the Board upon request.

(7) Before supervising an intern in an SRI program, a preceptor must complete any training program required by the school of pharmacy.

(8) A pharmacist must not supervise more than one intern simultaneously at a TPI site.

(9) A preceptor must not supervise more than two interns simultaneously at an SRI site where patient specific recommendations for care, or medications are provided without prior written approval of the Board.

(10) Notwithstanding section (9) above, with the approval of a school of pharmacy, and when in their professional judgment it is appropriate, a preceptor may supervise up to 10 interns at public-health outreach programs such as health fairs which provide general information but not direct patient care.

(11) A preceptor must advise each school of pharmacy when they are supervising students from more than one school at the same time. This applies to both in-state and out-of-state schools or colleges of pharmacy.

(12) A preceptor must verify that their intern is currently licensed with the Board.

(13) A pharmacist acting as a preceptor in a federal facility is not required to be licensed as a pharmacist in Oregon, but is required to be licensed as a preceptor with the Board.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 689.151, 689.205

Stats. Implemented: 689.255

### **855-031-0050**

#### **Eligibility for Exams – Foreign Pharmacy Graduates**

In addition to the other requirements of this Division, a foreign pharmacy graduate must complete 1440 internship hours before applying to take the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) and before applying for licensure as a pharmacist as specified in OAR 855-019-0150. Evidence of completing this requirement must be provided to the Board by the applicant and must be authenticated by each preceptor.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 689.151, 689.205

Stats. Implemented: 689.255

### **855-031-0055**

#### **Eligibility for Exams and Pharmacist Licensure**

(1) An intern is eligible to take the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the MPJE, upon graduation and notification to the Board by the school of pharmacy that their degree, with not less than 1440 hours of SRI, has been conferred.

(2) Upon meeting all requirements for pharmacist licensure, and before practicing pharmacy in the State of Oregon, a person must:

(a) Complete an application for licensure including providing any fingerprint card or other documentation required by the Board to conduct a criminal background check;

(b) Pay the license fee as prescribed in OAR 855-110; and

(c) Obtain a license, which will expire on June 30 following the date of issue.

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