

New Jersey Requirements

Pharmacists

Minimum of 30 credits of which at least 10 must be obtained through didactic instruction (in-person, telephone or electronic instruction; but does not include video-taped instruction) and 3 credits shall be obtained in pharmacy law applicable to pharmacy practice in New Jersey.

Ten credits of continuing education may be carried over into succeeding biennial period only if such credits were earned during the last six months of the preceding biennial period and were not previously reported.

Pharmacy Technicians

Continuing education is necessary to maintain a high level of continuing education is necessary to maintain a high level of knowledge and skill in pharmacy practice. During the two-year period prior to recertification, certified pharmacy technicians must participate in at least 20 hours of continuing education (CE), including at least one hour of pharmacy law. Additional CE credits earned cannot be carried over to the next recertification period.

New York Requirements

Pharmacists

Education Law requires that registered pharmacists complete continuing education. A minimum of 45 contact hours (at least 23 live) is required in each three-year registration period. As of September 1, 2003, the 45 hours required must include at least 3 credits (home study or live) of formal continuing education on strategies and techniques to reduce medication and prescription errors.

Pharmacy Technician

Any pharmacy technician that is certified by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) needs to complete 20 hours of continuing education every two years in order to get recertified.

Pennsylvania Requirements

Pharmacists

All licensed pharmacists in Pennsylvania must demonstrate that they have taken 30 credit hours of pharmacy continuing education during a two-year period. The two-year period ends on September 30 in even numbered years. License renewal is available on-line

Continuing education credits must be obtained from approved ACPE (Accreditation Council of Pharmacy Education) providers. The Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association is approved by the Accreditation Council of Pharmacy Education (ACPE) as a provider of Continuing Pharmacy Education. Provider Number: 0159.

Pharmacy Technicians

Currently there are no registration or certification requirements for pharmacy technicians in Pennsylvania. However, pharmacy technicians may, at their own option or through the encouragement of their employer, seek to become nationally certified through the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB). Many of the ACPE continuing education courses PPA offers are applicable for technicians. This is typically noted on the program brochure. Watch for programs with the "T" in the ACPE approval number.