

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

PHARMACY – PHARMACIST CONTINUING EDUCATION

(By authority conferred on the director of the department of licensing and regulatory affairs by sections 16145, 16148, 16184, 16201, 16204, 16205, 17731, and 17767 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16145, 333.16148, 333.16184, 333.16201, 333.16204, 333.16205, 333.17731, and 333.17767, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1, and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, 445.2001, 445.2011, and 445.2030)

R 338.3041 Definitions.

Rule 1. (1) As used in these rules:

(a) “ACPE” means the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

(b) “Board” means the Michigan board of pharmacy, created in section 17721 of the code, MCL 333.17721.

(c) “CCAPP” means the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs.

(d) “Code” means the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211.

(e) “Department” means the department of licensing and regulatory affairs.

(2) Unless otherwise defined in these rules, the terms defined in the code have the same meaning when used in these rules.

History: 1979 AC; 2007 AACS; 2020 AACS; 2023 AACS; 2026 MR 6, Eff. March 12, 2026.

R 338.3042 License renewals; continuing education requirements; applicability.

Rule 2. (1) These rules apply to applications for renewal of a pharmacist's license and a special retired volunteer pharmacist's license under sections 16201 and 16184 of the code, MCL 333.16201 and 333.16184. A licensee seeking renewal shall comply with all of the following:

(a) Submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee.

(b) Complete a 1-time training identifying victims of human trafficking as required in R 338.511 and section 16148 of the code, MCL 333.16148.

(c) Complete a training in opioids and other controlled substances awareness as required in R 338.3135, if also applying for a controlled substance license.

(d) The continuing education requirements apply to an applicant who has been licensed for the 2-year period immediately preceding the end of the license cycle.

(e) Submit to the board satisfactory evidence that the applicant completed not less than 30 hours of continuing education approved by the board, under R 338.3043 and R 338.3044, during the license cycle before the application for renewal. Continuing education that is earned during the 60-day grace period may be included up to the date the application

for renewal is filed. An applicant for license renewal shall complete all of the following continuing education requirements:

(i) At least 1 hour of the 30 required hours of continuing education in pharmacy ethics and pharmacy law, which may be completed in 1 or more courses.

(ii) At least 10 hours of the 30 required hours of continuing education must be live, synchronous, courses or programs, in-person or virtual, that provide for the opportunity of direct interaction between faculty and participants, including, but not limited to, lectures, symposia, live teleconferences, and workshops. ACPE courses designated as live meet this requirement.

(iii) At least 1 hour of the 30 required hours of continuing education in pain and symptom management, as required under section 16204(2) of the code, MCL 333.16204. Continuing education in pain and symptom management includes, but is not limited to, courses in behavior management, psychology of pain, pharmacology, behavior modification, stress management, clinical applications, and drug interventions as they relate to professional practice.

(iv) Not more than 12 hours of continuing education during a 24-hour period.

(2) Except for the 1-time training in human trafficking, the training in opioid and controlled substances awareness, and the implicit bias training, which may be used to comply with both the training requirement and the continuing education requirement in the same renewal period, an applicant for license renewal may not earn continuing education credit for a program or activity that is identical to a program or activity an applicant has already earned credit for during that renewal period.

(3) Submission of an application for renewal constitutes the applicant's certification of compliance with the requirements of this rule. An applicant shall retain documentation of meeting the requirements of this rule for a period of 4 years from the date of applying for license renewal. The board may require an applicant to submit evidence to demonstrate compliance with this rule. Failure to comply with this rule is a violation of section 16221(h) of the code, MCL 333.16221.

(4) A request for a waiver under section 16205 of the code, MCL 333.16205, must be received by the department for the board's consideration not less than 30 days before the last regularly scheduled board meeting before the expiration date of the license. The public notice for the board meetings can be found at: <https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/pharmacy>.

History: 1979 AC; 1997 AACS; 2023 AACS; 2026 MR 6, Eff. March 12, 2026.

R 338.3043 Continuing education courses and programs; standards for approval.

Rule 3. The board shall approve continuing education courses or programs pursuant to the following standards in this rule:

(a) A continuing education course or program sponsor shall submit a completed application on forms provided by the department and provide a "Patient Protection" form for any course or program that involves treatment of live patients.

(b) A completed application form shall be submitted to the department at least 70 days before the date the continuing education course or program is conducted for the proposed continuing education to be considered for approval by the board.

(c) A continuing education course or program must meet the standards and criteria for an acceptable category of continuing education under this rule and R 338.3044 and must be relevant to health care services, pharmacy operations, or advancement of the licensee's pharmacy education.

(d) A continuing education course or program shall be developed and presented by a sponsor and must provide all of the following:

(i) Availability of adequate records of participation.

(ii) Qualified teaching staff.

(iii) A statement of educational objectives.

(e) Board approval is valid for 3 years from the date of approval.

(f) Except as provided in subdivision (g) of this subrule, any subsequent dates that the course or program will be offered do not require further board approval and may be changed without review by the board if the presentation dates are within the board's original 3-year term of approval.

(g) The board shall reevaluate an approved continuing education course or program before any changes during the approval term to the title, number of continuing education hours to be awarded to participants, or learning objectives.

(h) A sponsor conducting the course or program shall record all of the following on a continuing education certificate or other proof prepared by that sponsor:

(i) The name of the sponsor.

(ii) Continuing education approval number assigned by the department.

(iii) Course title or name of the program.

(iv) Name of the speaker or instructor.

(v) Date the approved course or program was conducted.

(vi) Number and type of continuing education hours awarded.

(vii) Approved sponsor's signature.

(viii) Dates of the current approval term.

(ix) Name of participant.

(i) The board may revoke the approval status of any approved course or program at any time if the course or program fails to comply with these rules.

History: 1979 AC; 2007 AACS; 2020 AACS; 2023 AACS.

R 338.3044 Acceptable continuing education for licensees.

Rule 4. The board shall consider all of the following as acceptable continuing education:

ACCEPTABLE CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES		
Type of Activity		Number of Hours Earned/Maximum Hours
(a)	Completion of an approved continuing education course or program related to the practice of pharmacy. A continuing education course or program is approved, regardless of the format in which it is offered, if it is	The number of hours earned is the number of hours approved by the sponsor or the approving organization.

	approved or offered for continuing education credit by any of the following: A pharmacy program accredited by the ACPE or the CCAPP. A continuing education sponsoring organization, institution, or individual approved by the ACPE, including non-ACPE accredited providers engaging in joint providership with ACPE accredited providers. Another state board of pharmacy. A continuing education sponsoring organization, institution, or individual approved by a non-pharmacy healthcare board or accreditation entity. If audited, a licensee shall submit a copy of a letter or certificate of completion showing the licensee's name, number of hours earned, sponsor name or the name of the organization that approved the program or activity for continuing education credit, and the date on which the program was held, or activity completed.	If the activity was not approved for a set number of hours, then 1 credit hour for every 50 minutes of participation may be earned. There is no limitation on the number of hours earned, except that a maximum of 5 hours may be earned per renewal period for activities offered by a continuing education sponsoring organization, institution, or individual approved by a non-pharmacy healthcare board or accreditation entity.
(b)	Completion of postgraduate pharmacy practice or administration courses offered for credit in a pharmacy school accredited by the ACPE or the CCAPP. If audited, a licensee shall submit an official transcript that reflects completion of the postgraduate pharmacy practice or administration course and number of semester or quarter credit hours earned.	Twelve hours of continuing education is earned for each academic quarter credit earned and 18 hours is earned for each academic semester credit earned. There is no limitation on the number of hours earned.
(c)	Participation in a home study program offered through an ACPE-approved provider or other instructional approaches that include an evaluation component including, but not limited to, on-line continuing education programs and journal articles. If audited, a licensee shall submit an affidavit attesting to the number of hours the licensee spent participating in the home study program that includes a description of the activity.	One hour is earned for each hour devoted to a home study program. A maximum of 20 hours may be earned per renewal period.

(d)	Participation as a preceptor for at least 1 pharmacy intern. A preceptorship shall be for a minimum of 120 hours in person and have a 1 intern - to - 1 preceptor ratio. This may involve multiple preceptor relationships at different times. If audited, a licensee shall submit written documentation from the educational institution or preceptor's supervisor verifying the dates and hours of the preceptorship.	Five hours of continuing education is earned for a minimum of 120 hours in person of preceptorship in each renewal period. A maximum of 5 hours may be earned in each renewal period.
(e)	Renewal of a pharmacy license held in another state that requires continuing education for license renewal that is substantially equivalent in subject matter and total amount of required hours to that required in these rules if the licensee resides and practices in another state. If audited, a licensee shall submit proof of current licensure in another state and a copy of a letter or certificate of completion showing all of the following: - The licensee's name. - Number of hours earned. - The sponsor's name or the name of the organization that approved the program or activity for continuing education credit. - The date on which the program was held, or the activity was completed.	Thirty hours is earned. A maximum of 30 hours may be earned in each renewal period.
(f)	Initial publication of an article or a chapter related to the practice of pharmacy in either of the following: - A pharmacy textbook. - A peer-reviewed journal. If audited, a licensee shall submit a copy of the publication that identifies the licensee as the author or a publication acceptance letter.	Ten hours is earned per publication. A maximum of 10 hours may be earned in each renewal period.
(g)	Successful completion of a board certification national pharmacy examination through Board of Pharmacy Specialties. If audited, a licensee shall submit proof of a passing score on the examination.	Ten hours is earned in the year in which the licensee achieves a passing score. A maximum of 20 hours may be earned in each renewal period.

		Credit is not given for repeating the same examination twice in a renewal period.
(h)	Presentation of a continuing education program approved by the board under R 338.3043 or subdivision (a) of this rule that is not a part of the licensee's regular job description. If audited, a licensee shall submit a copy of the curriculum and a letter from the program sponsor verifying the length and date of the presentation.	Two hours is earned for every 50 minutes devoted to presenting the program. A maximum of 2 hours may be earned in each renewal period.
(i)	Attendance at a pharmacy-related program that is approved by the board pursuant to R 338.3043. If audited, a licensee shall submit a copy of a letter or certificate of completion showing all of the following: - Licensee's name. - Number of hours earned. - Sponsor name or the name of the organization that approved the program or course for continuing education credit. - The date on which the program was held, or the activity was completed.	The number of hours earned is the number of hours approved by the sponsor or the approving organization. If the activity was not approved for a set number of hours, then 1 credit hour for every 50 minutes of participation is earned. There is no limitation on the number of hours earned.
(j)	Attendance at a full board of pharmacy meeting, disciplinary subcommittee meeting, or rules committee work group meeting. To receive credit for attending a meeting in person, a licensee shall obtain a form provided by the department from a department employee present at the meeting and have the employee complete, sign, and date the form. To receive credit for attending a meeting virtually, a licensee shall submit an electronic form provided by the department. If audited, a licensee shall provide a copy of the completed paper form or electronic confirmation.	One hour is earned for attending a full meeting. This category of continuing education qualifies as 1 hour in pharmacy law. A maximum of 5 hours may be earned in each renewal period.

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