

Final Rule

**Department of Health and Hospitals
Board of Pharmacy**

Technician Training Programs (LAC 46:LIII.Chapter 9)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (La. R.S. 49:950 *et seq.*) and the Pharmacy Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:1161 *et seq.*), the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy has amended its chapter of rules for pharmacy technicians to initially eliminate the requirement for board approval of a pharmacy technician training program, and then beginning in January 2016, to require an applicant for a pharmacy technician certificate to have completed a nationally-accredited and board approved pharmacy technician training program.

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Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards

Part LIII: Pharmacists

Chapter 9. Pharmacy Technicians

§901. Definitions

A. As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section:

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Pharmacist Preceptor – Repealed.

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Pharmacy Technician Candidate – an individual not yet certified as a pharmacy technician by the board who is:

- a. an individual who possesses a valid registration and is working under the supervision of a pharmacist for the purpose of obtaining practical experience for certification as a pharmacy technician by the board; or
- b. an individual who possesses a valid registration and is awaiting examination.

Structured Program – Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1212.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 30:2485 (November 2004), effective January 1, 2005, amended LR 39:1777 (July 2013).

§903. Pharmacy Technician Candidates

A. Registration

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2. Issuance and Maintenance

- a. Upon receipt of a properly completed application, appropriate fee, and any other documentation required by the board, the board may issue a Pharmacy Technician Candidate Registration to the applicant.
- b. – d. ...
- e. A pharmacy technician candidate shall notify the board, in writing, no later than 10 days following a change in location(s) of employment. The written notice shall include the candidate's name, registration number, and name, address, and permit numbers for old and new employers.

B. Practical Experience

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5. The candidate's registration shall evidence his authority to earn a minimum of 600 hours of practical experience in a pharmacy, under the supervision of a pharmacist, in satisfaction of the requirements for pharmacy technician certification.

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C. Examination

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§905. Pharmacy Technician Certificate

A. Qualifications

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3. An applicant shall demonstrate the following educational competencies:

- a. shall be a graduate from a high school approved by a state department of education, or shall possess an equivalent degree of education, as evidenced

by a valid and legible copy of a diploma, transcript, or other appropriate credential; and

- b. For those applicants submitting applications on or after January 1, 2016, the applicant shall demonstrate successful completion of a nationally-accredited and board-approved pharmacy technician training program, as evidenced by a valid and legible copy of the appropriate credential from that program.
 4. An applicant shall demonstrate evidence of at least 600 hours of practical experience under the supervision of a pharmacist, using a form supplied by the board.
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- B. Issuance and Maintenance
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§909. Continuing Education

- A. A minimum of one technician-specific ACPE or board-approved CPE unit, or 10 credit hours, shall be required each year as a prerequisite for annual renewal of a pharmacy technician certificate. Such CPE units shall be credited in the 12-month period prior to the expiration date of the certificate.

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