

Louisiana Administrative Code

Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards

Part LIII: Pharmacists

Chapter 5. Pharmacists

§521. Administration of Medications

A. Education and Training Required; Supervision

1. ~~Pharmacists and pharmacy interns~~ who intend to administer medications to their patients shall obtain a ~~medication administration registration from the board~~ the education and training described within this Section prior to engaging in such activity.

2. Pharmacists who intend to supervise other pharmacy personnel who administer medications to patients shall obtain the education and training described within this Section prior to engaging in such activity. ~~Pharmacy interns in possession of the medication administration registration may only administer medications while under the supervision of a pharmacist in possession of a medication administration registration.~~

B. ~~Medication Administration Registration~~ *(Subsection B repealed)*

1. ~~Eligibility~~

a. ~~The applicant shall possess a pharmacist license or pharmacy intern registration issued by the board; and further, such credential shall be active and valid for practice.~~

b. ~~The applicant shall demonstrate current life safety certification by the American Heart Association through its Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers course, or its successor, or by a board approved equivalent.~~

c. ~~The applicant shall demonstrate successful completion of a certificate program for medication administration which has been approved by the board. The board may approve any program which is an evidence-based didactic course that meets current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) training guidelines, or other guidelines as designated by the board, and provides a minimum of 20 hours of instruction and experiential training in the following content areas:~~

i. ~~standards for medication administration practices;~~

ii. ~~basic immunology;~~

iii. ~~recommended medication administration schedules;~~

iv. ~~vaccine storage and management;~~

v. ~~informed consent;~~

vi. ~~physiology and techniques for medication administration;~~

vii. ~~pre and post administration assessment and counseling;~~

viii. ~~medication administration record management; and~~

ix. ~~management of adverse events, including identification and appropriate response, as well~~

as documentation and reporting.

2. ~~Application for Initial Issuance~~

- a. ~~The applicant shall complete the application form supplied by the board and furnish the information requested.~~
- b. ~~The applicant shall retain evidence of their education, training, and continuing competency; and further, shall furnish copies of such documentation upon request by the board.~~
- e. ~~The board shall issue the registration with an expiration date matching the expiration date of the life safety certification card supplied with the application.~~

3. ~~Renewal~~

- a. ~~In the event the pharmacist license or pharmacy intern registration expires before the expiration date of the medication administration registration, then the authority to administer medications shall terminate. The authority to administer medications requires the primary credential as well as the medication administration registration to be active at the same time.~~
- b. ~~The renewal of an expired medication administration registration requires documentation of a current life safety certification as described above.~~
- d. ~~To maintain continuing competency for medication administration, the pharmacist shall acquire at least one hour of continuing education per year related to this topic. Continuing education activities obtained for this purpose shall be acquired from a provider accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE); and further, the credit earned for such programs may be included within the total number of credits required to renew the pharmacist license.~~

B. Education, Training and Continuing Competency

- 1. A pharmacist who intends to administer medications to patients shall possess a pharmacist license in active status. In the event the license is lapsed, suspended, or in any other inactive status, the pharmacist shall not administer medications. A pharmacist with a license in restricted status may administer medications unless the restriction imposed by the board prevents such activity.
- 2. The pharmacist shall successfully complete a certificate program for medication administration which is an evidence-based didactic course that meets current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) training guidelines. The certificate program shall be acquired from a provider accredited by ACPE, or in the alternative, by Joint Accreditation (JA); and further, the certificate program shall provide a minimum of 20 hours of instruction and experiential training in the following content areas:
 - a. standards for medication administration practices;
 - b. basic immunology;
 - c. recommended medication administration schedules;
 - d. vaccine storage and management;
 - e. informed consent;
 - f. physiology and techniques for medication administration;

- 73 g. pre- and post-administration assessment and counseling;
74 h. medication administration record management; and
75 i. management of adverse events, including identification and appropriate response, as well as
76 documentation and reporting.
- 77 3. The pharmacist shall complete a life safety certification by the American Heart Association through its
78 Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR & AED Training for Healthcare Professionals course, or its successor, or
79 through an equivalent course sponsored by an alternative vendor. The pharmacist may substitute the
80 Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) course for the BLS standard; however, the Heartsaver CPR AED
81 or other courses intended for the general public shall not be sufficient to meet this standard. The
82 pharmacist shall renew their certification prior to the expiration date assigned by the course provider.
- 83 4. To maintain continuing competency for medication administration, the pharmacist shall acquire at least
84 one hour of continuing pharmacy education per year related to this topic. Continuing pharmacy
85 education activities obtained for this purpose shall be acquired from a provider accredited by ACPE, or in
86 the alternative, by JA; and further, the credit earned for such programs may be included within the total
87 number of credits required to renew the pharmacist license.
- 88 5. The pharmacist shall retain evidence of their education, training and continuing competency; and further,
89 shall furnish copies of such documentation upon request by the board.
- 90 6. Sanctions
- 91 a. The failure of a pharmacist to obtain and maintain the education, training and continuing
92 competency described in this Section prior to administering medications to patients shall substantiate
93 a violation of R.S. 37:1241(A)(3), and shall subject the pharmacist to disciplinary action by the
94 board.
- 95 b. The failure of a pharmacist to provide documentation of their education, training and continuing
96 competency to administer medications when requested by the board shall substantiate a violation of
97 R.S. 37:1241(A)(22), and shall subject the pharmacist to disciplinary action by the board.
- 98 C. Vaccines Reporting Administration of Immunizations
- 99 1. ~~The pharmacist shall maintain and furnish the following information to the practitioner within 24 hours of~~
100 ~~the administration:~~
- 101 a. ~~Name and address of the patient;~~
102 b. ~~Age of the patient, if under 14 years of age;~~
103 c. ~~Name of the patient's primary care physician as provided by the patient or patient's agent;~~
104 d. ~~Name, manufacturer, and lot number of the vaccine administered;~~
105 e. ~~Amount administered;~~
106 f. ~~Date of vaccine administration;~~
107 g. ~~Site of vaccine administration;~~
108 h. ~~Route of administration; and~~

~~i. Name, address, and telephone number of the pharmacist administering the vaccine.~~

~~2~~ 1. The immunizing pharmacist or his designee shall report the immunization to the state immunization registry within 72 hours of the administration of the immunization.

2. The report of an immunization administration to the state immunization registry shall satisfy any requirement for notification of such information to the patient's primary care provider.

D. ~~Pharmacies hosting medication administration activities, as well as~~ Pharmacists administering medications in a location other than a pharmacy, shall comply with the following minimum standards:

1. There shall be sufficient staffing available for the pharmacist to administer the medication, supervise any other pharmacy personnel administering medications, and monitor the patient afterward without distraction from other responsibilities.

2. To facilitate emergency management of anaphylactic reactions, there shall be adequate supplies of medication and equipment, as well as pre-determined procedures for the arrangement of emergency medical services.

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Chapter 7. Pharmacy Interns

§709. Scope of Practice

A. – B. ...

C. A pharmacy intern may not:

1. present or identify himself as a pharmacist;

2. sign or initial any document which is required to be signed or initialed by a pharmacist unless a preceptor cosigns the document; or

3. independently supervise pharmacy technicians or pharmacy technician candidates; or,

~~4. administer immunizations unless properly credentialed as required by the board.~~

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§711. Administration of Medications

A. Education and Training: Supervision

1. Pharmacy interns who intend to administer medications to their patients shall obtain the education and training described within this Section prior to engaging in such activity.

2. Pharmacy interns, once properly qualified as required by the provisions of this Section, may only administer medications to patients while under the supervision of a pharmacist with the same qualification in medication administration as described in Chapter 5 of this Part.

B. Education, Training and Continuing Competency

1. A pharmacy intern who intends to administer medications to patients shall possess a pharmacy intern registration in active status. In the event the registration is lapsed, suspended, or in any other inactive status, the pharmacy intern shall not administer medications. A pharmacy intern with a registration in restricted status may administer medications unless the restriction imposed by the board prevents such activity.
2. The pharmacy intern shall successfully complete a certificate program for medication administration which is an evidence-based didactic course that meets current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) training guidelines. The certificate program shall be acquired from a provider accredited by ACPE, or in the alternative, by Joint Accreditation (JA); and further, the certificate program shall provide a minimum of 20 hours of instruction and experiential training in the following content areas:
 - a. standards for medication administration practices;
 - b. basic immunology;
 - c. recommended medication administration schedules;
 - d. vaccine storage and management;
 - e. informed consent;
 - f. physiology and techniques for medication administration;
 - g. pre- and post-administration assessment and counseling;
 - h. medication administration record management; and
 - i. management of adverse events, including identification and appropriate response, as well as documentation and reporting.
3. The pharmacy intern shall complete a life safety certification by the American Heart Association through its Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR & AED Training for Healthcare Professionals course, or its successor, or through an equivalent course sponsored by an alternative vendor. The pharmacy intern may substitute the Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) course for the BLS standard; however, the Heartsaver CPR AED or other courses intended for the general public shall not be sufficient to meet this standard. The pharmacy intern shall renew their certification prior to the expiration date assigned by the course provider.
4. To maintain continuing competency for medication administration, the pharmacy intern shall acquire at least one hour of continuing pharmacy education per year related to this topic. Continuing pharmacy education activities obtained for this purpose shall be acquired from a provider accredited by ACPE, or in the alternative, Joint Accreditation (JA).
5. The pharmacy intern shall retain evidence of their education, training and continuing competency; and

183 further, shall furnish copies of such documentation upon request by the board.

184 6. Sanctions

- 185 a. The failure of a pharmacy intern to obtain and maintain the education, training and continuing
186 competency described in this Section prior to administering medications to patients shall substantiate
187 a violation of R.S. 37:1241(A)(3) and shall subject to the pharmacy intern to disciplinary action by
188 the board.
- 189 b. The failure of a pharmacy intern to provide documentation of their education, training and
190 continuing competency to administer medications when requested by the board shall substantiate a
191 violation of R.S. 37:1241(A)(22), and shall subject the pharmacy intern to disciplinary action by the
192 board..

194 AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1182.

195 HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR
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197 **Chapter 9. Pharmacy Technicians**

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199 **§907. Scope of Practice**

200 A. – A.2. ...

201 B. Pharmacy technician candidates shall not:

202 B.1. – B.5. ...

203 6. administer medications.

204 C. – C.3 ...

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

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209 LR 43:2498 (December 2017), effective January 1, 2018, amended LR
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211 **§913. Administration of Medications**

212 A. Education and Training Required; Supervision

- 213 1. Pharmacy technicians who intend to administer medications to their patients shall obtain the education
214 and training described within this Section prior to engaging in such activity.
- 215 2. Pharmacy technicians, once properly qualified as required by the provisions of this Section, may only
216 administer medications to patients while under the supervision of a pharmacist with the same qualification
217 in medication administration as described in Chapter 5 of this Part.

218 B. Education, Training and Continuing Competency

- 219 1. A pharmacy technician who intends to administer medications to patients shall possess a pharmacy
220 technician certificate in active status. In the event the certificate is lapsed, suspended, or in any other

inactive status, the pharmacy technician shall not administer medications. A pharmacy technician with a certificate in restricted status may administer medications unless the restriction imposed by the board prevents such activity.

2. The pharmacy technician shall successfully complete a certificate program for medication administration which is an evidence-based didactic course that meets current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) training guidelines. The certificate program shall be acquired from a provider accredited by ACPE, or in the alternative, by Joint Accreditation (JA); and further, the certificate program shall provide a minimum of six hours of instruction and experiential training in the following content areas:
 - a. recognition of vaccines and other medications and their corresponding routes of administration;
 - b. proper storage of vaccines and other medications;
 - c. safety procedures to avoid accidental needlestick injuries;
 - d. selection of proper needle length for injectable medications based on patient parameters;
 - e. proper technique for preparation and administration of medication;
 - f. demonstration of appropriate patient distraction techniques during medication administration;
 - g. demonstration of appropriate technique for intramuscular and subcutaneous injections;
 - h. demonstration of use of universal precautions pertinent to blood borne pathogens;
 - i. procedures for management of adverse reactions; and
 - j. proper documentation procedures.
3. The pharmacy technician shall complete a life safety certification by the American Heart Association through its *Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR & AED Training for Healthcare Professionals* course, or its successor, or through an equivalent course sponsored by an alternative vendor. The pharmacy technician may substitute the *Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)* course for the BLS standard; however, the *Heartsaver CPR AED* or other courses intended for the general public shall not be sufficient to meet this standard. The pharmacy technician shall renew their certification prior to the expiration date assigned by the course provider.
4. To maintain continuing competency for medication administration, the pharmacy technician shall acquire at least one hour of continuing pharmacy education per year related to this topic. Continuing pharmacy education activities obtained for this purpose shall be acquired from a provider accredited by ACPE, or in the alternative, JA; and further, the credit earned for such programs may be included within the total number of credits required to renew the pharmacy technician certificate.
5. The pharmacy technician shall retain evidence of their education, training and continuing competency; and further, shall furnish copies of such documentation upon request by the board.
6. Sanctions
 - a. The failure of a pharmacy technician to obtain and maintain the education, training and continuing competency described in this Section prior to administering medications to patients shall substantiate a violation of R.S. 37:1241(A)(3), and shall subject the pharmacy technician to disciplinary action

by the board.

- b. The failure of a pharmacy technician to provide documentation of their education, training and continuing competency to administer medications when requested by the board shall substantiate a violation of R.S. 37:1241(A)(22), and shall subject the pharmacy technician to disciplinary action by the board.

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Chapter 11. Pharmacies

§1103. Prescription Department Requirements

A. – K. ...

- L. Pharmacies hosting medication administration activities, as well as pharmacists administering medications in a location other than a pharmacy, shall comply with the following minimum standards:

- 1 There shall be sufficient staffing available for the pharmacist to administer the medication, supervise any other pharmacy personnel administering medications, and monitor the patient afterward without distraction from other responsibilities.
- 2 To facilitate emergency management of anaphylactic reactions, there shall be adequate supplies of medication and equipment, as well as pre-determined procedures for the arrangement of emergency medical services.

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