

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health and Hospitals Board of Pharmacy

LAC 46:LIII.521 *et seq.*

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (La. R.S. 49:950 *et seq.*) and the Louisiana Pharmacy Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:1161 *et seq.*), the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy hereby gives notice of its intent to amend two sections of its rules: §521 to allow certain pharmacy interns to administer medications, and §705 to reallocate the hours of practical experience required of pharmacy interns to qualify for pharmacist licensure

In compliance with Act No. 1183 of the 1999 Louisiana Legislature, the impact of this proposed rule on the family has been considered. These proposed rules have no known impact on family functioning, stability, autonomy, or on the ability of the family to educate and supervise their children, as described in La. R.S. 49:972.

Interested persons may submit written comments to Malcolm J Broussard, Executive Director, Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 5615 Corporate Blvd., 8th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70808-2537. He is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed rule. A public hearing on these proposed rules is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board office. At that time, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing. The deadline for the receipt of all comments is 12:00 noon that same day.

Malcolm J Broussard
Executive Director
Louisiana Board of Pharmacy

Louisiana Administrative Code

Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards

Part LIII: Pharmacists

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Chapter 5. Pharmacists

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§521. Prescription Orders to Administer Medications

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G. A pharmacist certified to administer medications may train a pharmacy intern to administer medication, provided the pharmacy intern meets the same educational requirements and minimum standards identified in Subsections D.2 and E of this Section. The intern shall be under the direct and immediate supervision of the certified pharmacist at all times during such training activities.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 14:708 (October 1988), effective January 1, 1989, amended LR 29:2085 (October 2003), effective January 1, 2004, amended LR

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Chapter 7. Pharmacy Interns

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§705. Practical Experience

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C. Practical Experience Hours. ~~To qualify for pharmacist licensure, an~~ interns shall supply, on an affidavit form supplied by the board office, evidence of earning the acquisition of at least 1,500 hours of practical experience. ~~Interns may submit their affidavit(s) to the board office for credit approval either prior to, or concurrent with, their application for pharmacist licensure.~~

~~1. In order to receive credit for the 1,500 hours of practical experience upon certification of graduation, a pharmacy intern shall comply with the following:~~

~~a. Prior to beginning his final academic year in a board approved college of pharmacy, the intern shall earn a minimum credit of 500 hours under the supervision of a pharmacist at a permitted pharmacy site; and~~

~~b. The intern shall earn a minimum credit of 1,000 hours within the board approved college of pharmacy's professional experience curriculum certified by the dean of the college of pharmacy.~~

1. The board shall award 1,000 hours credit to an intern for his successful completion of a professional experience curriculum at a board-approved college of pharmacy. The dean of the board-approved college of pharmacy shall certify the completion of this requirement in the manner prescribed by the board office.
- ~~2. If credit is not received for the total required 1,500 hours upon certification of graduation pursuant to the provisions of §705.C.1, the intern shall earn 1,500 hours of practical experience under the supervision of a pharmacist at a permitted pharmacy site after certification of graduation from a board approved college of pharmacy.~~
2. The intern shall earn at least 500 hours of practical experience in a permitted pharmacy site under the supervision of a pharmacist with no less than two years of experience as a licensed pharmacist. Further, neither the pharmacist's license nor the pharmacy's permit may be on probation with the board at the time the practical experience is earned.
3. Practical experience hours ~~earned either prior to the final academic year, or after certification of graduation from a board approved college of pharmacy,~~ that are submitted to the board for credit consideration shall be listed on an affidavit form supplied by the board office, and signed by the pharmacist and pharmacy intern.
 - a. A pharmacy intern may receive credit for a maximum of 50 hours per week.
 - b. A separate affidavit shall be required from each permitted pharmacy site.
 - c. No credit shall be awarded for hours earned within the professional experience curriculum of a board-approved college of pharmacy, nor for hours earned outside the professional experience curriculum but at the same time and location as hours earned for that professional experience curriculum.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1211.

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