Survey of Consultant Pharmacist and Institutional Pharmacy Regulations

Why consultant pharmacist?

**Federal**

The conditions of participation in Medicare/Medicaid (1966) required that the pharmacy of qualifying institutions be under the supervision of a qualified pharmacist.

**State**

The institutional drug bill of 1970 established institutional pharmacy permits and required that all institutional pharmacies be under the supervision of a qualified consultant pharmacist.

**The Joint Commission**

Voluntary but widely used hospital standards require a properly qualified and trained pharmacist to provide supervision of the hospital pharmacy.

**Consultant pharmacist requirements - Florida**

By Statue 465, the Pharmacy Practice Act and regulated via 64B16-26.300 of the Board of Pharmacy Rules and Regulations.

**Other States requiring a Consultant License**

Alabama
New Jersey has a voluntary certification program for consultants.

24 hours of re-certification CE required each 2 years licensing period (see 64B16-206.103).
THE CONSULTANT PHARMACIST LICENSE (64b16-26.300)

Effective Date: May 2005

In order to become a Consultant Pharmacist in Florida you must meet the following requirements:
1) Hold a Florida Pharmacist license that is active and in good standing
2) Successfully complete an initial certification course including a passing grade on the final exam
3) Successfully complete a “period of assessment” under the supervision of a preceptor

The Period of assessment must:
1) be completed within one year of passing the certification course
2) include at least 40 hours of training over no more than 3 consecutive months
3) 60% of the training must be conducted onsite at the permitted institution
4) the training should include the following skills:

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<td>Drug Regimen Review, documentation and communication for your type of facility</td>
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Upon successful completion of the period of assessment the applicant can apply for the consultant license (see preceptorship requirements below)

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSULTANT PRECEPTOR

1) The Pharmacist’s licenses must be in good standing with the Board
2) Have a minimum of 1 year experience as a consultant pharmacist of record
3) Be the consultant of record at an institutional pharmacy which requires a consultant pharmacist under Chapter 465
4) Not act as a preceptor to more than two (2) applicants at the same time
5) Upon completion of the assessment period (preceptorship) the preceptor must contact the board in writing and state that the applicant has successfully completed all required assignments under the preceptor’s guidance and supervision.
Consultant Pharmacist Licensure.

(1) No person shall serve as consultant pharmacist as defined in Section 465.003(3), F.S., unless that person holds a license as a consultant pharmacist.

(2) Application for consultant pharmacist licensure shall be made on form DOH-MQA 1109, 02/09, Consultant Pharmacist Application and Information, which is hereby incorporated by reference. Contact the Board of Pharmacy at 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C04, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3254, or (850) 488-0595 to request an application or download the application from the board’s website at www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/pharmacy. The application shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee.

(3) In order to be licensed as a consultant pharmacist, a person must meet the following requirements:

(a) Hold a license as a pharmacist which is active and in good standing,

(b) Successfully complete a consultant pharmacist course of no fewer than twelve (12) hours, sponsored by an accredited college of pharmacy located within the State of Florida, and approved by the Florida Board of Pharmacy Tripartite Continuing Education Committee which is based on the Statement of the Competencies Required in Institutional Pharmacy Practice and subject matter set forth in Rule 64B16-26.301, F.A.C. The course shall be instructionally designed to include a cognitive test on which the applicant must score a passing grade for certification of successful completion of the course.

(c) Successfully complete a period of assessment and evaluation under the supervision of a preceptor within one (1) year of completion of the course set forth in paragraph (b) above. This period of assessment and evaluation shall be completed over no more than three (3) consecutive months and shall include at least 40 hours of training in the following practice areas, 60% of which shall occur on-site at an institution that holds a pharmacy permit. The training shall include:

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<td>1. Regimen review, documentation and communication.</td>
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<td>a. Demonstrate ability to carry out process and understand documentation functions.</td>
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<td>b. Understand and perform drug regimen review. Communicate findings to appropriate individuals or groups.</td>
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<td>c. The applicant is responsible for learning other skills needed to perform in his/her type of facility where he/she is or will be the consultant Pharmacist of Record.</td>
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<td>2. Facility review.</td>
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(4) In order to act as a preceptor, a person shall:

(a) Be a consultant pharmacist of record at an institutional pharmacy which is required to have a consultant pharmacist under the provisions of Chapter 465, F.S., and these rules.

(b) Have a minimum of one (1) year of experience as a consultant pharmacist of record.
1. Maintain all pharmacist licenses in good standing with the Board.
2. Not act as a preceptor to more than two (2) applicants at the same time.
3. Upon completion of the requirements set forth above, the applicant’s preceptor shall confirm that the applicant’s assessment and evaluation have met the requirements and that the applicant has successfully completed all required assignments under the preceptor’s guidance and supervision.
4. After licensure a consultant pharmacist’s license shall be renewed biennially upon payment of the fee set forth in Rule 64B16-26.1003, F.A.C., and upon completing twenty-four (24) hours of board approved continuing education based upon the provisions of Rule 64B16-26.302, F.A.C.
5. After licensure a consultant pharmacist’s license shall be renewed biennially upon payment of the fee set forth in Rule 64B16-26.1003, F.A.C., and upon completing twenty-four (24) hours of board approved continuing education based upon the provisions of Rule 64B16-26.302, F.A.C.
6. The number of hours earned in recertification programs by a consultant pharmacist, if applied to the twenty-four (24) hours required for consultant pharmacist license renewal, may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continued professional pharmaceutical education credits as set forth in Rule 64B16-26.103, F.A.C.
7. An applicant who applies for a consultant pharmacist license after the effective date of this rule shall be required to complete the assessment and evaluation required in paragraph (3)(c) prior to being licensed as a consultant pharmacist.

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**64B16-26.302 Subject Matter for Consultant Pharmacist Licensure Renewal Continuing Education.**

A Consultant Pharmacist License Renewal Continuing Education Program must contain at least three (3) hours of training in any of the subjects specified below. Duplicate courses are not acceptable.

1. **Drug Therapy – Disease State.** Patient Drug Therapy – management and monitoring.
   - (a) Drug, Disease State Information – In-depth disclosure of the drug or therapeutic class of drugs or disease state including pharmacology, side effects and interaction.
   - (b) New Therapeutic Modalities: Expansion of current drug therapy or treatment.
   - (c) Patient Assessment: Assessment techniques by consultant pharmacist to determine the need and effectiveness of indicated drug therapy along with identification and assessment of side effects on patient’s well-being.
   - (d) Pertinent Laboratory Tests.
   - (e) Therapeutic Dosing.

2. **Administrative Responsibilities.**
   - (a) Update on Administrative Responsibilities.
     1. Legal requirements including statutes, rules and regulation (Federal and State).
     2. JCAHO Standards.
     3. Personnel requirements.
     4. HIPAA requirements.
   - (b) Focus on Consultant Pharmacist Practice Issues/Concerns.
     1. How to get things accomplished in complex organizations.
     2. Key contacts to be effective as a consultant pharmacist.
     3. Considerations and preparation for site inspections.

3. **Consultant Pharmacist Facility Responsibilities.** This segment details the requirements in one of the facility types for which a consultant pharmacist is required. Only one practice setting may be included in each program.
   - (a) Pharmacist-Medication Responsibilities – Assessment mechanism for delivery system, review procedures and monitoring processes.
   - (b) Pharmacist-Patient Responsibilities – Patient assessment, laboratory test monitoring and therapeutic dosing.
   - (c) Committee Responsibilities – Make-up and responsibilities for various facility committees.
   - (d) Reporting requirements.

64B16-26.320 Subject Matter for Continuing Education to Order and Evaluate Laboratory Tests.
(1) Consultant pharmacists and pharmacists holding the Doctor of Pharmacy degree that wish to order and evaluate laboratory tests under the provisions of Section 465.0125, F.S., shall successfully complete the requirements of a continuing education course set forth herein prior to such practice. Successful completion of the course will certify the pharmacist for this practice for two (2) years from date of completion.
(2) Providers of courses seeking approval under this section shall meet the procedures and standards provided for in Rule 64B16-26.601, F.A.C. Courses approved under this section shall be at least three (3) hours in duration for initial certification and at least one (1) hour for recertification, and shall cover the following subjects:
(a) Requirements for monitoring laboratory values,
(b) Interpretation of laboratory values,
(c) Use of laboratory data to monitor and improve drug therapy,
(d) Legal aspects, restrictions, and requirements for obtaining laboratory studies,
(e) Use of laboratory data and therapeutic outcomes,
(f) Documentation of interventions, and
(g) Laboratory studies as an element of complete patient care.
(3) A consultant pharmacist may apply the three (3) hour initial certification course and the one (1) hour recertification course toward the continuing education requirement for renewal of a consultant pharmacist license under Rule 64B16-26.300, F.A.C., or may apply such continuing education hours toward the continuing education requirement for renewal of a pharmacist license under Rule 64B16-26.103, F.A.C., but may not use the same continuing education hours to satisfy both requirements. A Doctor of Pharmacy who is not a consultant pharmacist may apply the three (3) hour initial certification course and the one (1) hour recertification course toward the continuing education requirement for renewal of a pharmacist license under Rule 64B16-26.103, F.A.C.

465.0125 Consultant pharmacist license; application, renewal, fees; responsibilities; rules.--
(1) The department shall issue or renew a consultant pharmacist license upon receipt of an initial or renewal application which conforms to the requirements for consultant pharmacist initial licensure or renewal as promulgated by the board by rule and a fee set by the board not to exceed $250. The consultant pharmacist shall be responsible for maintaining all drug records required by law and for establishing drug handling procedures for the safe handling and storage of drugs. The consultant pharmacist may also be responsible for ordering and evaluating any laboratory or clinical testing when, in the judgment of the consultant pharmacist, such activity is necessary for the proper performance of the consultant pharmacist's responsibilities. Such laboratory or clinical testing may be ordered only with regard to patients residing in a nursing home facility, and then only when authorized by the medical director of the nursing home facility. The consultant pharmacist must have completed such additional training and demonstrate such additional qualifications in the practice of institutional pharmacy as shall be required by the board in addition to licensure as a registered pharmacist.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), a consultant pharmacist or a doctor of pharmacy licensed in this state may also be responsible for ordering and evaluating any laboratory or clinical testing for persons under the care of a licensed home health agency when, in the judgment of the consultant pharmacist or doctor of pharmacy, such activity is necessary for the proper performance of his or her responsibilities and only when authorized by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 461, or chapter 466. In order for the consultant pharmacist or doctor of pharmacy to qualify and accept this authority, he or she must receive 3 hours of continuing education relating to laboratory and clinical testing as established by the board.
The board shall promulgate rules necessary to implement and administer this section.

History.--s. 31, ch. 83-329; s. 1, ch. 85-65; ss. 9, 26, 27, ch. 86-256; s. 59, ch. 91-137; s. 6, ch. 91-156; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 1, ch. 93-231; s. 89, ch. 97-264.

64B16-26.600 Tripartite Continuing Education Committee.

1. The Tripartite Continuing Education Committee will be composed of equal representation from the Board of Pharmacy, each College or School of Pharmacy in the State, and practicing pharmacists within the State. The members of the Committee shall be selected by the Board of Pharmacy and shall serve for a period of two years. The chairman of the committee shall be selected by the Chair of the Board.

2. The Tripartite Continuing Education Committee shall perform the following duties pursuant to Rule 64B16-26.601, F.A.C.:

   a. Review continuing education providers and make recommendations to the Board;
   b. Approve continuing education course or program for approved providers or individuals that are non-approved providers for the following:
      1. General;
      2. Initial Consultant Pharmacist Certification;
      3. Consultant Recertification;
      4. Nuclear Recertification;
      5. Medication Errors;
      6. HIV/AIDS;
      7. Laboratory Tests;
      8. Laws and Rules;
      9. Quality Related Events.

3. The Tripartite Continuing Education Committee shall perform auditing and monitoring activities pursuant to Rule 64B16-26.601, F.A.C. The Tripartite Committee shall perform an audit on each approved continuing education provider 90 days prior to the end of the biennium. The approved provider shall submit the following information for one program of the provider’s choosing and one program selected by the Board:

   a. Title, date and location of the program;
   b. Program Number;
   c. Any Co-sponsors;
   d. Total number of pharmacists attending;
   e. Rosters of attendees with appropriate license numbers;
   f. Brochures of program announcement;
   g. CV’s of each speaker;
   h. Handouts, Copy of CE Credit statement, educational materials distributed as part of the program; and
   i. Summary report of program evaluations.

4. The Committee shall hold meetings as may be convened at the call of the Chairman of the Committee.


64B16-26.601 Standards for Approval of Courses and Providers.

1. Each proposal for program or course approval submitted by a qualified provider must contain a detailed outline of the content of said program or course on forms which will be provided by the Board of Pharmacy upon request, and must build upon Standards of Practice and a basic course or courses offered in the curricula of accredited colleges or schools of pharmacy. Continuing education may consist of post-baccalaureate degree programs offered by accredited colleges or schools of pharmacy, post-graduate studies, institutes, seminars, lectures, conferences, workshops, correspondence courses, or other such committee-approved educational methods.

2. All offerings must meet the following standards:

   a. Education Content Development.
      1. Continuing education offerings shall involve advance planning that includes a statement of measurable educational goals and behavioral objectives.
      2. Continuing education offerings shall be designed to reflect the educational needs of the pharmacist and build on the standards for practice and courses in the curricula of accredited colleges or schools of pharmacy.
3. Each continuing education offering shall be designed to explore one (1) subject or a group of closely related subjects or standards.

(b) Methods of Delivery.
1. The method of delivery of a course shall be determined by giving appropriate consideration to such factors as educational content, objectives, and composition of the audience.
2. The method of delivery must encourage active participation and involvement on the part of the pharmacist.

(c) Program Faculty Qualifications.
1. The program faculty for a particular continuing education offering shall be competent in the subject matter and qualified by experience.
2. An appropriate number of program faculty for each activity shall be utilized.
3. There shall be adequate personnel to assist with administrative matters and personnel with competencies outside content areas in cases where the method of delivery requires technical or other special expertise.

(d) Facilities. The facilities to be utilized shall be appropriate and adequate to the content, method of delivery, size of the audience and promote the attainment of the objectives of the offering.

(e) Evaluation.
1. The provider must make provision for evaluation of the participants’ attainment of the stated learner objectives through in-process activities that provide a measurable demonstration of the learner’s achievement(s).
2. The provider must develop and employ an evaluation mechanism for the purpose of allowing the participant to assess his/her achievement of personal objectives.
3. The provider shall develop and employ an evaluation mechanism that will assess the effectiveness of the learning experiences, instructional methods, facilities, and resources used for the offering.

(f) Contact Hour Criteria. The number of contact hours or Continuing Education Units shall be determined by the provider in advance of the offering subject to approval by the committee and awarded upon the successful completion of the entire planned education experience.

(g) Record Keeping.
1. Records of individual offerings shall be maintained by the provider for inspection by the Board. The records shall be adequate to serve the needs of the participants and to permit the Board to monitor for adherence to the standards for continuing education offerings as outlined in the rules.
2. An individual certificate of attendance specifying title of offering, provider number, date of offering, and number of contact hours earned shall be furnished to each participant by the provider.
3. Records shall be maintained by the provider for a minimum of three (3) years.

3. Providers seeking board approval shall meet each of the standards outlined herein:
(a) All continuing education offerings conducted by the provider shall meet the standards for continuing education offerings as outlined in these rules.
(b) There shall be a visible, continuous, and identifiable authority charged with administration of continuing education programs. The person or persons in whom the administrative function is vested shall be qualified by virtue of background and experience and approval by the committee.

4. All programs approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) for continuing education for pharmacists may be deemed approved by this Board for general continuing education hours for pharmacists.

5. Entities or individuals who wish to become approved providers of continuing education must submit an initial approval fee of $150 and provide information to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this rule. A provider seeking to renew approved provider status shall pay a renewal fee of $150.

6. Entities or individuals applying for approval of an individual program shall submit a fee of $50 and provide information to demonstrate compliance with this rule.

64B16-26.103 Continuing Education Credits; Renewal.

(1) Prior to biennial renewal of pharmacist licensure, a licensee shall complete no less than 30 hours of approved courses of continued professional pharmaceutical education within the 24 month period prior to the expiration date of the license. The following conditions shall apply.
(a) Upon a licensee’s first renewal of licensure, the licensee must document the completion of one (1) hour
of board approved continuing education which includes the topics of Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome; the modes of transmission, including transmission from a healthcare worker to a patient and the patient to the healthcare worker; infection control procedures, including universal precautions; epidemiology of the disease; related infections including tuberculosis (TB); clinical management; prevention; and current Florida law on AIDS and its impact on testing, confidentiality of test results, and treatment of patients. In order to meet this requirement, licensees must demonstrate that the course includes information on the State of Florida law on HIV/AIDS and its impact on testing, reporting, the offering of HIV testing to pregnant women, and partner notification issues pursuant to Sections 381.004 and 384.25, F.S. Any HIV/AIDS continuing education course taken during the second or subsequent renewal of licensure may be applied to satisfy the general continuing education hours requirement.

(b) The initial renewal of a pharmacist license will not require completion of courses of continued professional pharmaceutical education hours if the license was issued less than 12 months prior to the expiration date of the license. If the initial renewal occurs 12 months or more after the initial licensure, then 15 hours of continued professional pharmaceutical education hours shall be completed prior to the renewal of the license but no earlier than the date of initial licensure.

(c) Prior to renewal a licensee must complete, within the 24 month period prior to the expiration date of the license, a two-hour continuing education course approved in advance by the Board on medication errors that covers the study of root-cause analysis, error reduction and prevention, and patient safety. Hours obtained pursuant to this section may be applied by the licensee to the requirements of subsection (1).

(d) Five hours of continuing education in the subject area of risk management may be obtained by attending one full day or eight (8) hours of a board meeting at which disciplinary hearings are conducted by the Board of Pharmacy in compliance with the following:

1. The licensee must sign in with the Executive Director or designee of the Board before the meeting day begins;
2. The licensee must remain in continuous attendance;
3. The licensee cannot receive continuing education credit for attendance at a board meeting if required to appear before the board; and
4. The maximum continuing education hours allowable per biennium under this paragraph shall be ten (10).

(e) A member of the Board of Pharmacy may obtain five (5) hours of continuing education in the subject area of risk management for attendance at one Board meeting at which disciplinary hearings are conducted. The maximum continuing education hours allowable per biennium under this paragraph shall be ten (10).

(f) Up to five hours per biennium of continuing education credit may be fulfilled by the performance of volunteer services to the indigent as provided in Section 456.013(9), F.S., or to underserved populations, or in areas of critical need within the state where the licensee practices. In order to receive credit, the licensee must make application to and receive approval in advance from the Board. Application shall be made on form DHMQA 1170 (Rev. 02/09), Individual Request for Continuing Education for Volunteers, which is hereby incorporated by reference. The form can be obtained from the Board of Pharmacy, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C04, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3254. One hour credit shall be given for each two hours volunteered in the 24 months prior to the expiration date of the license. In the application for approval, the licensee shall disclose the type, nature and extent of services to be rendered, the facility where the services will be rendered, the number of patients expected to be serviced, and a statement indicating that the patients to be served are indigent. If the licensee intends to provide services in underserved or critical need areas, the application shall provide a brief explanation as to those facts. A licensee who is completing community service as a condition of discipline imposed by the board cannot use such service to complete continuing education requirements.

(g) Continuing education credit shall be granted for completion of post professional degree programs provided by accredited colleges or schools of pharmacy. Credit shall be awarded at the rate of 5 hours of continuing education credit per semester hour completed within the 24 months prior to the expiration date of the license.

(h) Continuing education may consist of post-graduate studies, institutes, seminars, lectures, conferences, workshops, correspondence courses, or other educational opportunities which advance the practice of the profession of pharmacy if approved by the Board. A course shall be approved prior to completion.

(i) Any volunteer expert witness who is providing expert witness opinions for cases being reviewed by the Department of Health pursuant to Chapter 465, F.S., shall receive five (5) hours of credit in the area of risk
management for each case reviewed in the 24 months prior to the expiration date of the license, up to a maximum of ten (10) hours per biennium.

(j) The presenter of a live seminar, a live video teleconference or through an interactive computer-based application shall receive 1 credit for each course credit hour presented, however presenter will not receive additional credit for multiple same course presentations.

(k) All programs approved by the ACPE for continuing education for pharmacists are deemed approved by the Board for general continuing education hours for pharmacists. Any course necessary to meet the continuing education requirement for HIV/AIDS, medication errors, or consultant pharmacist license renewal shall be Board approved.

(l) General continuing education earned by a non-resident pharmacist in another state that is not ACPE approved, but is approved by the board of pharmacy in the state of residence can be applied to meet the requirements of license renewal in subsection (1) above.

(m) At least ten (10) of the required 30 hours must be obtained either at a live seminar, a live video teleconference, or through an interactive computer-based application.

(2) Prior to renewal a consultant pharmacist shall complete no less than 24 hours of Board approved continuing education in the course work specified in Rule 64B16-26.302, F.A.C., within the 24 month period prior to the expiration date of the consultant license. The hours earned to satisfy this requirement cannot be used to apply toward the 30 hours required in subsection (1) above. However, if consultant recertification hours are earned and not used to meet the requirements of this paragraph, they may be applied by the licensee to the 30 hours required in subsection (1).

(a) If the initial renewal of a consultant pharmacist license occurs less than 12 months after the initial licensure, then completion of consultant courses of continuing education hours will not be required.

(b) If the initial renewal of a consultant pharmacist license occurs 12 months or more after the initial licensure, then 12 hours of consultant continuing education hours must be completed prior to the renewal date of the license but no earlier than the date of initial licensure.

(3) Prior to renewal a nuclear pharmacist shall complete no less than 24 hours of Board approved continuing education in the course work specified in Rule 64B16-26.304, F.A.C., within the 24 month period prior to the expiration date of the nuclear pharmacist license. The hours earned to satisfy this requirement cannot be used to apply toward the 30 hours required in subsection (1) above. However, if nuclear pharmacist license renewal hours are earned and not used to meet the requirements of this paragraph, they may be applied by the licensee to the 30 hours required in subsection (1).

(a) If the initial renewal of a nuclear pharmacist license occurs less than 12 months after the initial licensure, then completion of courses of nuclear pharmacy continuing education hours will not be required.

(b) If the initial renewal of a nuclear pharmacist license occurs 12 months or more after the initial licensure, then 12 hours of nuclear pharmacy continuing education hours must be completed prior to the renewal date of the license but no earlier than the date of initial licensure.

(c) All programs approved by the ACPE for continuing education for nuclear pharmacists are deemed approved by the Board for general continuing education hours for nuclear pharmacists.

(4) Prior to renewal a registered pharmacy technician shall complete no less than twenty (20) hours of Board approved continuing education in the course work specified in Rule 64B16-26.355, F.A.C., within the 24 month period prior to the expiration date of the pharmacy technician registration.

(a) Upon a pharmacy technician’s first renewal, registrant must document the completion of one (1) hour of board approved continuing education which includes the topics of Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome; the modes of transmission, including transmission from a healthcare worker to a patient and the patient to the healthcare worker; infection control procedures, including universal precautions; epidemiology of the disease; related infections including tuberculosis (TB); clinical management; prevention; and current Florida law on AIDS and its impact on testing, confidentiality of test results, and treatment of patients. In order to meet this requirement, licensees must demonstrate that the course includes information on the State of Florida law on HIV/AIDS and its impact on testing, reporting, the offering of HIV testing to pregnant women, and partner notification issues pursuant to Sections 381.004 and 384.25, F.S. Any HIV/AIDS continuing education course taken during the second or subsequent renewal of registration may be applied to satisfy the general continuing education hours requirement.

(b) If the initial renewal of a pharmacy technician registration occurs less than 12 months after the initial
licensure, then completion of courses of a pharmacy technician registration education hours will not be 
required.

c) If the initial renewal of a pharmacy technician registration occurs 12 months or more after the initial 
licensure, then 12 hours of registered pharmacy technician continuing education hours must be completed prior 
to the renewal date of the license but no earlier than the date of initial licensure.

d) All programs approved by the ACPE for continuing education for pharmacy technicians are deemed 
approved by the Board for general continuing education hours for registered pharmacy technicians. Any course 
necessary to meet the continuing education requirement for HIV/AIDS license renewal shall be Board 
approved.

e) Prior to renewal a licensee must complete, within the 24 month period prior to the expiration date of the 
license, a two-hour continuing education course approved in advance by the Board on medication errors that 
covers the study of root-cause analysis, error reduction and prevention, and patient safety. Hours obtained 
pursuant to this section may be applied by the licensee to the requirements of subsection (1).

(f) At least four (4) of the required 20 hours must be obtained either at a live seminar, a live video 
teleconference, or through an interactive computer-based application.

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64B16-26.1004 Inactive License Election; Renewal; Fees.

(1) A pharmacist licensee may elect:

(a) At the time of license renewal to place the license on inactive status by submitting a written request with 
the board for inactive status and submitting the inactive status renewal fee of $245 plus a $5 unlicensed activity 
fee pursuant to Section 456.065(3), F.S.

(b) At the time of license renewal, if the license is inactive, to continue the license on inactive status by 
submitting a written request with the board for inactive status and submitting the inactive status renewal fee of 
$245 plus a $5 unlicensed activity fee pursuant to Section 456.065(3), F.S.

(c) At the time of license renewal to change the inactive status license to active status, provided the licensee 
meets the continuing education requirements of Rule 64B16-26.103, F.A.C., for each biennium the license was 
on inactive status, submits the reactivation fee of $70, and the current active renewal fee set forth in Rule 
64B16-26.1001, F.A.C.

(d) At a time other than license renewal to change the inactive status license to active status, provided 
the licensee meets the continuing education requirements of Rule 64B16-26.103, F.A.C., for each biennium the 
license was on inactive status and submits the reactivation fee of $70, a change of status fee of $25 and the 
difference between the inactive status renewal fee and the active status renewal fee, if any exists.

(2) A consultant pharmacist licensee may elect:

(a) At the time of license renewal to place the license on inactive status by submitting a written request with 
the board for inactive status and submitting the inactive status renewal fee of $100 plus a $5 unlicensed activity 
fee pursuant to Section 456.065(3), F.S.

(b) At the time of license renewal, if the consultant pharmacist license is inactive, to continue the 
license on inactive status by submitting a written request with the board for inactive status and 
submitting the inactive status renewal fee of $100 plus a $5 unlicensed activity fee pursuant to Section 
456.065(3), F.S.

(c) At the time of license renewal to change the inactive status consultant pharmacist license to active 
status, provided the consultant pharmacist licensee meets the continuing education requirements of 
subsection 64B16-26.103(2), F.A.C., for each biennium the license was on inactive status and by 
submitting a reactivation fee of $25, and the active consultant pharmacist renewal fee set forth in Rule 
64B16-26.1003, F.A.C.

(d) At a time other than license renewal to change the inactive status license to active status, provided 
the licensee meets the continuing education requirements of Rule 64B16-26.103, F.A.C., for each 
biennium the license was on inactive status, and submits the reactivation fee of $25, a change of status fee 
of $25 and the difference between the inactive status renewal fee and the active status renewal fee, if any 
exists.
(3) A nuclear pharmacist licensee may elect:

(a) At the time of license renewal to place the nuclear pharmacist license on inactive status by submitting a written request with the board for inactive status and submitting the inactive status renewal fee of $100 plus a $5 unlicensed activity fee pursuant to Section 456.065(3), F.S.

(b) At the time of license renewal, if the nuclear pharmacist license is inactive, to continue the license on inactive status by submitting a written request with the board for inactive status and submitting the inactive status renewal fee of $100 plus a $5 unlicensed activity fee pursuant to Section 456.065(3), F.S.

(c) At the time of license renewal to change the inactive status license to active status, provided the nuclear pharmacist meets the continuing education requirements of Rule 64B16-26.304, F.A.C., for each biennium the license was on inactive status, and by submitting a reactivation fee of $50, and the active nuclear license renewal fee set forth in Rule 64B16-26.1003, F.A.C.

(d) At a time other than license renewal to change the inactive status license to active status, provided the nuclear pharmacist licensee meets the continuing education requirements of Rule 64B16-26.304, F.A.C., for each biennium the license was on inactive status and by submitting a reactivation fee of $50, a change of status fee of $25 and the difference between the inactive status renewal fee and the active status renewal fee, if any exists.

(4) A registered pharmacy technician may elect:

(a) At the time of renewal to place the registered pharmacy technician registration on inactive status by submitting a written request with the board for inactive status and submitting the inactive status renewal fee of $50 plus a $5 unlicensed activity fee pursuant to Section 456.065(3), F.S.

(b) At the time of renewal, if the registered pharmacy technician registration is inactive, to continue the registration on inactive status by submitting a written request with the board for inactive status and submitting the inactive status renewal fee of $50 plus a $5 unlicensed activity fee pursuant to Section 456.065(3), F.S.

(c) At the time of renewal to change the inactive status registration to active status, provided the registered pharmacy technician meets the continuing education requirements of Rule 64B16-26.103, F.A.C., for each biennium the registration was on inactive status, and by submitting a reactivation fee of $50, and the active registration fee set forth in Rule 64B16-26.1003, F.A.C.

(d) At a time other than renewal to change the inactive status registration to active status, provided the registered pharmacy technician meets the continuing education requirements of Rule 64B16-26.103, F.A.C., for each biennium the registration was on inactive status and by submitting a reactivation fee of $50, a change of status fee of $25 and the difference between the inactive status renewal fee and the active status renewal fee, if any exists.