

1 **DIVISION 21**

2 **CONTINUING PHARMACY EDUCATION**

3 **855-021-0005**

4 **Continuing Pharmacy Education Required for Pharmacist License Renewal**

5 (1) During the period from ~~June~~ **July** 1 through ~~May 31~~ **June 30** of each **biennial** license renewal  
6 cycle, each pharmacist must have satisfactorily completed ~~one and one half (1.5)~~ **three (3)**  
7 continuing pharmacy education units (CEU's) in an approved continuing pharmacy education  
8 program **prior to submission of the license renewal.** Ten contact hours equals 1 CEU. Fifty  
9 minutes equals 1 contact hour.

10 (2) Section (1) does not apply to pharmacists applying for the first ~~annual~~ renewal of their license  
11 if they have not been licensed by the Board for at least one year prior to July 1 of the renewal  
12 period.

13 Stat. Auth.: ORS 689.205  
14 Stats. Implemented: ORS 689.285

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16 **855-021-0010**

17 **Continuing Pharmacy Education**

18 (1) In this rule the terms below have the meanings given:

19 (a) "Patient Safety" means procedures and processes that ensure that the correct patient receives  
20 the correct drug in the correct dose, and is counseled appropriately.

21 (b) "Medication error reduction" means procedures and processes to reduce and avoid adverse  
22 events and to ensure that the correct patient receives the correct drug in the correct dose.

23 (2) A continuing pharmacy education program means classes of post graduate studies, informal  
24 study group participation, institutes, seminars, lectures, conferences, workshops, extension study,  
25 correspondence courses, teaching, planned and professional meetings, self study courses, cassette  
26 or audio visual tape/slides or materials, and other self instruction units:

27 (a) A program shall consist of therapeutics, or pharmacy and drug law or other aspects of health  
28 care. At least ~~one~~ **two** hours of continuing education credit must be earned in the area of  
29 pharmacy and drug law. ~~Effective from June 1, 2011, at least one~~ **Two** hours of continuing  
30 education credit must be earned in the area of patient safety or medication error reduction.

31 (b) Programs shall provide for examinations or other methods of evaluation to assure satisfactory  
32 completion by participants.

- 33 (c) The person or persons who are to instruct or who are responsible for the delivery or content  
34 of the program shall be qualified in the subject matter by education and experience.
- 35 (3) Continuing pharmacy education programs shall be approved by the Board of Pharmacy.  
36 Application for approval shall be made on and in accordance with forms established by the  
37 Board. The forms shall require information relating to:
- 38 (a) Name of provider or sponsor;
  - 39 (b) Type of program offered;
  - 40 (c) Description of subject matter;
  - 41 (d) Number of contact hours offered;
  - 42 (e) Total number of contact hours in therapeutics or pharmacy and drug law or other aspects of  
43 health care;
  - 44 (f) Method of determining satisfactory completion of program;
  - 45 (g) Dates and location of program;
  - 46 (h) Name and qualification of instructors or other persons responsible for the delivery or content  
47 of the program.
- 48 (4) CE programs are not required to carry approval of American Council on Pharmaceutical  
49 Education (ACPE). Programs presented by providers approved by the American Council on  
50 Pharmacy Education (ACPE) are generally accepted, however, the Board reserves the right to  
51 determine the number of hours allowed or to disapprove such programs.
- 52 (5) Providers shall provide attendees with proof of attendance that shows the date and number of  
53 contact hours provided. Providers must maintain attendance lists for three years.
- 54 (6) Continuing pharmacy education credit accumulated in excess of the required ~~15~~ **30** contact  
55 hours for ~~annual~~ **biennial** license renewal cannot be carried forward.
- 56 (7) A maximum of ~~1~~ **20** hours (~~1~~ **2.0** CEU) may be earned in any licensing **cycle** ~~year~~ by preparing  
57 and presenting CE programs. Pharmacists presenting CE programs may earn one hour (0.1 CEU)  
58 for preparation time of one hour or more, plus credit for the actual contact hour time of the  
59 presentation. A pharmacist must show content of the course, and a description of the intended  
60 audience (e.g., pharmacists, physicians, nurses). Public service programs, such as presentations  
61 to school children or service clubs, are not eligible for continuing education credit.
- 62 (8) Pharmacists taking post graduate studies applicable to graduate or professional degrees may  
63 submit the course syllabus and evidence of satisfactory completion of the course for continuing  
64 education credit approval by the Board.

65 (9) The Board may approve up to 14 (fourteen) hours of CE credit for licensees who have  
66 successfully completed Disease State Management courses certified by the NIPCO, NISPC,  
67 BPST, or other appropriate certified programs sponsored by established credentialing groups.

68 (10) Board members or staff may attend CE programs for the purpose of evaluating content,  
69 format and appropriateness of material for Continuing Pharmacy Education credit. Subsequent  
70 programs by CE providers whose current programs are deemed deficient by on-site evaluation  
71 may be required to obtain prior approval by the Board. The Board will provide feedback to CE  
72 providers regarding evaluated CE presentations.

73 Stat. Auth.: ORS 689.205  
74 Stats. Implemented: ORS 689.285  
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76 **855-021-0016**

### 77 **Continuing Education in Pain Management**

78 (1) A pharmacist licensed under these rules must complete seven hours of continuing education  
79 in pain management as detailed in the following sub-sections. This is a one-time requirement:

80 (a) A one-hour pain management course, specific to Oregon, provided by the Pain Management  
81 Commission of the Oregon **Health Authority** ~~Department of Human Services~~; and

82 (b) A minimum of six hours of continuing education in pain management. This requirement may  
83 be fulfilled by any combination of continuing education coursework focusing on pain  
84 management including but not limited to the treatment of terminally ill and dying patients, and  
85 those with chronic, non-malignant pain.

86 (2) A licensee must complete the required continuing education within 24 months of their first  
87 license renewal ~~after January 2, 2006~~.

88 (3) A licensee must retain for three years, documentation showing they have met the requirement  
89 of this rule, and must provide this documentation if requested by the Board.

90 (4) The pain management continuing education required under this rule shall count towards the  
91 ~~1.5~~ **3** continuing pharmacy education units required under OAR 855-021-0005, in the license  
92 cycle in which the pain management continuing education is completed. ~~Any portion of this~~  
93 ~~continuing education may count towards the requirement in OAR 855-021-0010(1)(a) for 11~~  
94 ~~hours continuing education in therapeutics.~~

95 Stat. Auth.: ORS 689.205  
96 Stats. Implemented: ORS 689.285, 409.560 & 409.565  
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99 **855-021-0025**

100 **Continuing Pharmacy Education -- Reciprocity**

101 ~~Continuing pharmacy education will be required for license renewal at the next renewal period~~  
102 ~~after the licensee, by reciprocity, has been licensed one year in Oregon.~~

103 **A pharmacist reciprocating into Oregon will not be required to submit proof of continuing**  
104 **pharmacy education during the initial license renewal cycle.**

105 Stat. Auth.: ORS 689.**285**  
106 Stats. Implemented: ORS 689.205

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108 **855-021-0045**

109 **Notification of ~~Annual~~ Biennial License Renewal**

110 (1) The Board will develop an appropriate ~~annual~~ biennial renewal notice to be mailed to all  
111 licensed pharmacists prior to May 1 of each year each odd numbered year.

112 (2) The notice will state the ~~annual~~ biennial pharmacist license fee and the continuing pharmacy  
113 education fee due for license renewal.

114 (3) The notice will include the continuing pharmacy education time requirement and any other  
115 information considered pertinent for the licensee's understanding of the renewal requirements.

116 Stat. Auth.: ORS 689.205  
117 Stats. Implemented: ORS 689.275

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119 **855-021-0050**

120 **Renewal Application**

121 (1) The ~~annual~~ biennial renewal notice must be returned to the Board with the appropriate fee  
122 and the pharmacist must state attest that he/she has satisfactorily completed the continuing  
123 pharmacy education requirements ~~by signing the renewal document.~~

124 (2) The Board may randomly select and audit applications for renewal to verify completion of  
125 the CE programs reported on the application for renewal. Pharmacists whose applications for  
126 renewal are selected for audit must provide documentation of completion of the CE programs  
127 reported. A pharmacist who fails to provide the requested documentation to the Board or who  
128 fails to complete the ~~annual~~ biennial CE requirement may be disciplined for unprofessional  
129 conduct.

130 Stat. Auth.: ORS 689.205  
131 Stats. Implemented: ORS 689.275

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133 **855-021-0055**

134 **Reinstatement**

135 (1) Any petitioner for a reinstatement of a license after suspension, revocation, or refusal to  
136 renew as provided within ORS 689.445 shall produce certification of the continuing education  
137 requirement for all years in which the license has been suspended, revoked or not renewed prior  
138 to restoration of license.

139 (2) Retired pharmacists who wish to reinstate their license should refer to OAR 855-019-0040(2)  
140 **0170(2)**.

141 Stat. Auth.: ~~ORS 475~~ & ORS 689.205  
142 Stats. Implemented: **ORS 689.445**

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