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2021 Wisconsin Act 3
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**Pharmacy Technicians and
Pharmacy Students
Administering Vaccines**

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2021 Wisconsin Act 3 authorizes a person to administer vaccines if certain conditions are met, including all of the following:

- The person has completed at least two hours in a course of study and training, approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education or the Pharmacy Examining Board, in hands-on injection technique and the recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to vaccines.
- The person acts under the direct supervision of a pharmacist who has completed a course in study on topics relating to vaccination.
- The person holds a current certification in basic life support or cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- The person holds a certified pharmacy technician certification from either the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or the National Healthcareer Association.

The act also allows any health care provider authorized to administer a vaccine to supervise a pharmacy student who has completed two years of pharmacy school while they administer a vaccine. Previous law provides that such students may be supervised only by a pharmacist. Furthermore, the act provides that any person who is enrolled at an accredited school of pharmacy may administer vaccines pursuant to the same regulations for a pharmacy student who has completed two years of pharmacy school, including supervision by any health care provider authorized to administer a vaccine.

Additionally, the act provides that any person authorized to administer a vaccine under the pharmacy law may also administer by injection epinephrine or diphenhydramine to a person experiencing an adverse reaction to a vaccine.

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