

## Chapter Phar 16

### CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PHARMACISTS

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**Phar 16.01 Authority and purpose.** The rules in this chapter are adopted by the pharmacy examining board pursuant to the authority delegated by ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) and 450.02 (2g) (a), Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, November, 1999, No. 527, eff. 12-1-99.

**Phar 16.02 Continuing education required; waiver.**  
**(1)** Each pharmacist required to complete the continuing education requirement provided under s. 450.085, Stats., shall, at the time of making application for renewal of a license under s. 450.08 (2) (a), Stats., sign a statement on the application for renewal certifying that the pharmacist has completed at least 30 hours of acceptable continuing education programs within the 2-year period immediately preceding the date of his or her application for renewal. The 30 hours of continuing education for pharmacists first applies to applications that are submitted to the department to renew a license to practice pharmacy that expires on June 1, 2000. This subsection does not apply to an application for renewal of a license that expires on the first renewal date after the date on which the board initially granted the license.

**(2)** A pharmacist may apply to the board for waiver of the requirements of this chapter on grounds of exceptional circumstances such as prolonged illness, disability or other similar circumstances that the pharmacist indicates have prevented him or her from meeting the requirements. The board will consider each application for waiver individually on its merits.

**History:** Cr. Register, November, 1999, No. 527, eff. 12-1-99.

**Phar 16.03 Acceptable continuing educational programs.** The board recognizes only those educational programs

offered by a provider approved by the American council on pharmaceutical education at the time of the pharmacist's attendance, or other board approved programs.

**Note:** A list of board approved programs is available from the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Bureau of Health Professions, 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708. As of August 9, 1999, the board has not approved any programs other than programs offered by a provider approved by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education.

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**Phar 16.04 Evidence of compliance.** The board accepts as evidence of compliance with this chapter certification by a providing institution or organization that a pharmacist has attended and completed continuing education programs approved under the provisions of s. Phar 16.03. Certification may be the original, or verified copies of, documents certifying attendance and completion.

**History:** Cr. Register, November, 1999, No. 527, eff. 12-1-99.

**Phar 16.05 Retention requirement.** The pharmacist shall retain evidence of compliance for 3 years following the renewal date for the biennium for which 30 hours of credit are required for renewal of a license.

**Note:** For example, a pharmacist who renews his or her license on June 1, 2000, must retain proof of having obtained 30 hours of continuing education in the 2 years preceding renewal until June 1, 2003.

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**Phar 16.06 Audit.** The board may require any pharmacist to submit his or her evidence of compliance with the continuing education requirements to audit compliance.

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