

"Pharmacist CE Requirement Guide" - Transcript

Narrator: Pharmacist Continuing Education (CE) for initial and general renewals.

Narrator: After the first 30-days of licensure, a pharmacist's initial renewal period begins, lasting 18-30 months to align the license expiration date with the pharmacist's birth month. Every two year period after this is a general renewal. CE requirements differ for initial and general renewals.

Narrator: During the initial renewal period, a pharmacist must complete 2 hours of Prescribing and Monitoring Controlled Substances CE and one Human Trafficking Prevention course approved by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. The Prescribing and Monitoring Controlled Substances credit must be completed in the first twelve months of licensure. While the Trafficking Prevention courses on the HHSC-approved list vary in length and accreditation status, any approved course would fulfill the requirement.

Narrator: In a pharmacist's general renewal period, the requirements call for 30 accredited CE hours with Human Trafficking Prevention and Texas Pharmacy Law credits. 1-hour is required of Texas Pharmacy Law, and the minimum 29 additional accredited hours may be of any subject. To meet the Trafficking Prevention requirement, a course must be approved by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. This course may count toward the 29 hours of any subject depending on accreditation status.

Narrator: The HHSC-approved course list includes programs accredited for healthcare providers outside of pharmacy and programs carrying non-CE certificates of completion. To count towards the 30 hour minimum, a course must be accredited for pharmacists. Accepted accreditation types include ACPE/IPCE, AMA PRA Category 1 credit, and Continuing Medical Education (CME). The full list of approved program types for pharmacists may be found in Board rule 295.8(e).

Narrator: An HHSC-approved course with an unaccepted accreditation would fulfill the Trafficking Prevention requirement but not count toward the 30 hour minimum. This means, you could take: 1 hour Texas Pharmacy Law, 1 non-accredited Trafficking Prevention course, and 29 hours of any subject. This would bring the total to 30 accredited hours with Trafficking Prevention and Texas Pharmacy Law.

Narrator: Alternatively, you could take: 1 hour Texas Pharmacy Law, a 1 hour accredited Trafficking Prevention course, and only 28 hours of any subject. This would still total 30 accredited hours with Trafficking Prevention and Texas Pharmacy Law.

Narrator: Since HHSC-approved courses vary in length, you could even take: 1 hour Texas Pharmacy Law, a 4 hour accredited Trafficking Prevention course, and 25 hours of any subject. This flexibility allows you to complete courses that best suit your needs while still meeting the requirement for 30 accredited hours with Human Trafficking Prevention and Texas Pharmacy Law.

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