

# Pharmacist CE Requirements for Initial Certification & Maintenance of Special Certifications

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## Pharmacist CE Requirements - Special Certification Initial Requirements

### Initial Certification: Sterile Compounding - 291.133(c)(2)(B)(i)

(B) Initial training and continuing education.

(i) All pharmacists who compound sterile preparations or supervise pharmacy technicians and pharmacy technician trainees compounding sterile preparations shall comply with the following:

(I) complete through a single course, a minimum of 20 hours of instruction and experience in the areas listed in paragraph (4)(D) of this subsection. Such training shall be obtained through completion of a recognized course in an accredited college of pharmacy or a course sponsored by an ACPE accredited provider;

(II) complete a structured on-the-job didactic and experiential training program at this pharmacy which provides sufficient hours of instruction and experience in the facility's sterile compounding processes and procedures. Such training may not be transferred to another pharmacy unless the pharmacies are under common ownership and control and use a common training program; and

(III) possess knowledge about:

(-a-) aseptic processing;

(-b-) quality control and quality assurance as related to environmental, component, and finished preparation release checks and tests;

(-c-) chemical, pharmaceutical, and clinical properties of drugs;

(-d-) container, equipment, and closure system selection; and

(-e-) sterilization techniques.

(ii) The required experiential portion of the training programs specified in this subparagraph must be supervised by an individual who is actively engaged in performing sterile compounding and is qualified and has completed training as specified in this paragraph or paragraph (3) of this subsection.

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***These hours may be applied towards the hours required for renewal of a license to practice pharmacy.***

### Initial Certification: Immunization - 295.15(c)(1)

(c) Pharmacist certification requirements. Pharmacist who enter into a written protocol with a physician to administer immunizations or vaccinations shall:

(1) complete a course provided by an ACPE approved provider which:

(A) requires documentation by the pharmacist of current certification in the American Heart Association's Basic Cardiac Life Support for Health-Care Providers or its equivalent;

(B) is an evidence-based course which:

(i) includes study material;

(ii) includes hands-on training in techniques for administering immunizations or vaccines; and

(iii) requires testing with a passing score; and

(C) meets current Center for Disease Control training guidelines and provides a minimum of 20 hours of instruction and experiential training in the following content areas:

(i) standards for pediatric, adolescent, and adult immunization practices;

(ii) basic immunology and vaccine protection;

- (iii) vaccine-preventable diseases;
- (iv) recommended immunization schedules (pediatric/adolescent/adult);
- (v) vaccine storage and management;
- (vi) informed consent;
- (vii) physiology and techniques for vaccine administration;
- (viii) pre and post-vaccine assessment and counseling;
- (ix) immunization record management; and
- (x) adverse events:
  - (I) identification and appropriate response; and
  - (II) documentation and reporting

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**Initial Certification: Preceptor - 283.6(a)(3)(B)**

- (i) for initial certification, three hours of pharmacist preceptor training provided by an ACPE approved provider within the previous two years. Such training shall be:
  - (I) developed by a Texas college/school of pharmacy; or
  - (II) approved by:
    - (-a-) a committee comprised of the Texas college/schools of pharmacy; or
    - (-b-) the board

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***These hours may be applied towards the hours required for renewal of a license to practice pharmacy.***

**Initial Certification: Drug Therapy Management - 295.13(d)**

- (1) Initial requirements. A pharmacist shall maintain and provide to the Board within 24 hours of request a statement attesting to the fact that the pharmacist has within the last year:
  - (A) completed at least six hours of continuing education related to drug therapy offered by a provider approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE); or
  - (B) engaged in drug therapy management as allowed under previous laws or rules. A statement from the physician supervising the acts shall be sufficient documentation.

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***These hours may be applied towards the hours required for renewal of a license to practice pharmacy.***

## Pharmacist CE Requirements - Special Certification Maintenance

### Maintain Certification: Sterile Compounding - 291.133(c)(2)(B)(iii)

(iii) In order to renew a license to practice pharmacy, during the previous licensure period, a pharmacist engaged in sterile compounding shall complete a minimum of:

- (I) two hours of ACPE-accredited continuing education relating to one or more of the areas listed in paragraph (4)(D) of this subsection if the pharmacist is engaged in compounding low and medium risk sterile preparations; or
- (II) four hours of ACPE-accredited continuing education relating to one or more of the areas listed in paragraph (4)(D) of this subsection if the pharmacist is engaged in compounding high risk sterile preparations.

### Paragraph (4)(D) as referenced above is as follows:

(D) The didactic and experiential training shall include instruction, experience, and demonstrated proficiency in the following areas:

- (i) aseptic technique;
- (ii) critical area contamination factors;
- (iii) environmental monitoring;
- (iv) structure and engineering controls related to facilities;
- (v) equipment and supplies;
- (vi) sterile preparation calculations and terminology;
- (vii) sterile preparation compounding documentation;
- (viii) quality assurance procedures;
- (ix) aseptic preparation procedures including proper gowning and gloving technique;
- (x) handling of hazardous drugs, if applicable;
- (xi) cleaning procedures; and
- (xii) general conduct in the clean room.

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***These hours may be applied towards the hours required for renewal of a license to practice pharmacy.***

### Maintain Certification: Immunization - 295.15(c)(2)

(2) maintain documentation of:

- (A) completion of the initial course specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection;
- (B) 3 hours of continuing education every 2 years which are designed to maintain competency in the disease states, drugs, and administration of immunizations or vaccinations; and
- (C) current certification in the American Heart Association's Basic Cardiac Life Support for Health-Care Providers or its equivalent.

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***These hours may be applied towards the hours required for renewal of a license to practice pharmacy.***

### Maintain Certification: Preceptor - 283.6(a)(3)(B)

(ii) to continue certification, three hours of pharmacist preceptor training provided by an ACPE approved provider within the pharmacist's current license renewal period. Such training shall be:

- (I) developed by a Texas college/school of pharmacy; or

(II) approved by:

(-a-) a committee comprised of the Texas college/schools of pharmacy; or

(-b-) the board; and

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***These hours may be applied towards the hours required for renewal of a license to practice pharmacy.***

**Maintain Certification: Drug Therapy Management - 295.13(d)(2)**

(2) Continuing requirements. A pharmacist engaged in drug therapy management shall annually complete six hours of continuing education related to drug therapy offered by a provider approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). (These hours may be applied towards the hours required for renewal of a license to practice pharmacy.)

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***These hours may be applied towards the hours required for renewal of a license to practice pharmacy.***