**Newly Licensed Pharmacist Continuing Education (CE) Requirement Breakdown**

**Board Rule §295.8**

At least 4 total hours are required in your initial renewal period, which include the following:

- **2 Hours (1 hour annually)**
  - Must be related to pain management.
  - Special note: You must be sure to obtain at least one hour annually (as specified in House Bill 3285). For example, a single two-hour course would not meet requirements as outlined by House Bill 3285 or Board rule 295.8.
  - Requirement must be met for all renewals received after August 31, 2021 and before September 1, 2023.

- **2 Hours**
  - Must be related to prescribing and monitoring controlled substances (as specified in House Bill 2174).
  - A pharmacist should take the controlled substance CE no later than September 1, 2021 and submit this CE on the next renewal after September 1, 2021.

- **1 Hour**
  - Must be related to mental health awareness.
  - Requirement must be met for all renewals received after August 31, 2021 and before September 1, 2023.

- **1 Hour**
  - Must be related to Texas-specific pharmacy laws and/or rules.

- **24 Hours**
  - Can be any subject

**OTHER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

**MANDATORY TRAINING**

**Human Trafficking Prevention Course Requirement:**

For renewals received after August 31, 2020 and before September 1, 2022, a pharmacist must have completed the human trafficking prevention course required in §116.002 of the Texas Occupations Code. As specified in House Bill 2059, 86th Legislature, Regular Session, the Executive Commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall approve training courses on human trafficking prevention, including at least one course that is available without charge. A list of the approved courses will be posted on the commission’s internet website. Newly licensed pharmacists are not exempted from this requirement.

**SUPPLEMENTAL (NON-MANDATORY) TRAINING**

House Bill 3285 (86R) mandates that the board encourage pharmacists to participate in a program that provides a comprehensive approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with substance use disorders and persons who are at risk of developing substance use disorders, such as a program promoted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) within the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The Providers Clinical Support System (PCSS) is funded by a grant from SAMHSA and offers a free activity for pharmacists on its website: Opioid Use Disorder and Pain Management Assessment Tool.