

## Pharmacist Continuing Education (CE) Requirement Breakdown

### [Board Rule §295.8](#)

30 total hours are required per renewal period,  
which include the following:

2 Hours (1 hour annually)	2 Hours	1 Hour	1 Hour	24 Hours
<p>Must be related to <b>pain management</b>.</p> <p><i>Special note:</i> You must be sure to obtain at least one hour <b>annually</b> (as specified in House Bill 3285). For example, a single two-hour course would <b>not</b> meet requirements as outlined by House Bill 3285 or Board rule 295.8.</p> <p><i>Requirement must be met for all renewals received <b>after August 31, 2021 and before September 1, 2023.</b></i></p>	<p>Must be related to <b>prescribing and monitoring controlled substances</b> (as specified in House Bill 2174)</p> <p><i>A pharmacist should take the controlled substance CE <b>no later than September 1, 2021</b> and submit this CE on the next renewal after September 1, 2021.</i></p>	<p>Must be related to <b>mental health awareness</b></p> <p><i>Requirement must be met for all renewals received <b>after August 31, 2021 and before September 1, 2023.</b></i></p>	<p>Must be related to <b>Texas-specific pharmacy laws and/or rules</b></p>	<p>Can be <b>any subject</b>; Can also consist of any <b>special certification CE</b> requirements, if applicable (for example, sterile compounding, immunization, preceptorship, etc.; see <a href="#">special CE requirements</a>)</p>

### 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, 86<sup>th</sup> 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](#).