

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND RULE IN THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
PHARMACY RULES,
RULE 480-2-.03 EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendments to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy Rules, Rule 480-2-.03 EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS (hereinafter "proposed amendments").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed amendments and a synopsis of the proposed amendments, is being forwarded to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on an interested parties list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the rule including the proposed amendments, and a synopsis of the rule including the proposed amendments may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy's web page at www.gbp.georgia.gov.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 11:00 AM on June 17, 2014 at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, South Pharmacy Building, 250 W. Green Street, Athens, GA 30602 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed amendments. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received prior to June 10, 2014. Written comments should be addressed to the Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy at 2 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 FAX: 678-717-6694. You may email your comments to tbattle@dch.ga.gov.

The proposed amendments will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy at its meeting scheduled to begin at 11:05 AM on June 17, 2014 at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, South Pharmacy Building, 250 W. Green Street, Athens, GA 30602. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy has the authority to adopt the proposed amendments pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 16-13-34, 16-13-35, 16-13-37, 16-13-41, 16-13-43, 16-13-74, 26-3-8, 26-4-5, 26-4-27 to 26-4-29, 26-4-41, 26-4-42, 26-4-46, 26-4-47, 26-4-60, 26-4-80, 26-4-82, 26-4-86 to 26-4-88, 26-4-110, 26-4-111, 26-4-113.

At its meeting on April 16, 2014, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rule amendments do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed amendments cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22.

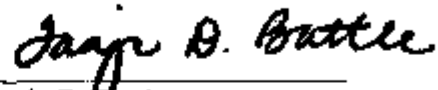
At its meeting on 4/16/2014, the Board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A§ 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these

amendments will impact every licensee in the same manner, and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of pharmacy.

For further information, contact the Board office at 404-651-8000.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

This 16th day of May, 2014.



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Georgia Board of Pharmacy

Posted: May 16, 2014

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
480-2-.03 EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS**

Purpose of Rule: The purpose of this rule is to require practical experience for applicants for licensure.

Main Features: The main feature of this rule is to proscribe limitations on the type of experience that can be submitted in support of an application for licensure.

**DIFFERENCES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
480-2-.03 EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS**

NOTE: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted. Underlined text is proposed to be added.

RULE 480-2-.03 EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants applying for licensure by examination must complete 1500 hours of pharmacy internship or its equivalent as provided by the Board.

(1) Pharmacy Internship Licenses.

(a) Applicants shall file an application with the Board for pharmacy internship registration and pay the registration fee. The pharmacy intern license must be issued before experience begins.

(b) The following persons may register as pharmacy interns:

1. Any student who is currently enrolled in a generally recognized school or college of pharmacy approved by A.C.P.E., or a newly created school or college of pharmacy which has been granted either precandidate or candidate status by A.C.P.E. provided that proof of enrollment in a school or college of pharmacy is submitted to the Board.

2. Any graduate of a generally recognized school or college of pharmacy approved by A.C.P.E. for the purpose of obtaining the practical experience for licensure as a pharmacist; and

3. Any individual who has established educational equivalency by obtaining a Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC) certificate for the purpose of obtaining practical experience for licensure as a pharmacist.

(c) Licenses shall be valid for five (5) years or until such intern is expelled, suspended, dismissed or withdraws from an approved school, becomes licensed as a pharmacist, or has taken and failed the Board examination for the third time, whichever comes first. Intern licenses may be renewed at the discretion of the Board.

1. Individuals who have established educational equivalency by meeting the requirements of Rule 480-2-.02 must obtain 1500 hours of practical pharmacy experience under the instruction of a licensed pharmacist. The minimum number of internship hours that will be accepted is twenty (20) hours worked in any week. The maximum number of internship hours worked that will be accepted is fifty (50) hours worked in any week.

2. Individuals who are attending a school or college of pharmacy approved by the A.C.P.E. shall show proof of instruction by a licensed pharmacist, and that such 1500 hours were acquired after enrollment at an accredited school or college of pharmacy provided that:

(i) For B.S. candidates, 480 hours of the 1500 hours requirement may be acquired concurrent with college attendance and clinical pharmacy programs or demonstration projects, which have been approved by the Board.

(ii) For Pharm. D. candidates, 1000 hours of the 1500 hours requirement may be acquired concurrent with college attendance in clinical pharmacy programs or concurrent with college attendance in clinical pharmacy programs or demonstration projects, which have been approved by the Board.

(2) The minimum number of internship hours that will be accepted is twenty (20) hours worked in any week. The maximum number of internship hours that will be accepted is fifty (50) hours worked in any week.

(3) Except as otherwise provided, internship hours may only be accrued during the times in which an intern's school or college of pharmacy is not in session.

(4) Each school or college of pharmacy must submit, on an annual basis, for the Board's approval, a summary of course and experiences, as well as the internship credit hours for each course and experience, which are to be used for the 480 hours for the B.S. program and 1000 hours for the Pharm. D. program. Each school of pharmacy must also submit for Board approval, on an annual basis a list of preceptors in the internship programs. The Board reserves the right to approve or disapprove any individual courses or experience programs.

(d) Other Qualifying Experience:

(a) Any intern wishing to obtain internship credit for work in a research and /or industrial program must first submit a request for approval of the program to the Board along with an outline of the program from the individual who will supervise the intern in this program. If approved by the Board, the maximum number of hours that will be awarded is one (1) hour of credit for every two (2) hours worked, not to exceed a maximum of 200 hours credit. An intern will not be granted approval or credit for participation in more than one research/industrial program.

(b) At the discretion of the Board, credit may be given for serving in the Armed Services and working under the direct supervision of a registered pharmacist. Documentation of experience must be signed by a registered pharmacist.

(c) The Board may give internship credit to an applicant that has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Board that such applicant has experience in the practice of pharmacy that meets or exceeds the minimum internship requirements.

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