



Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) for Pharmacy Students at Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

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Licensed pharmacists employed at medical marijuana dispensaries may serve as preceptors to educate and mentor pharmacy students during their Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) rotation per the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) subject to the following guidelines:

- 1. Licensure** – All pharmacy students participating in an APPE dispensary rotation must be licensed as dispensary support employees and comply with all requirements of such licensure, including the completion of foundational training, payment of licensing fee, and BCI and FBI background check requirements. (**NOTE:** If a pharmacy student has submitted completed background checks for purposes of obtaining an intern license, a new background check is not necessary, as long as the background check was completed within the previous 12 months.) Upon completion of the APPE rotation, the dispensary shall submit an [employee separation form](#) to the Board.
- 2. OARRS Access** – If registered as a pharmacy intern, the precepting pharmacy student may utilize the student’s delegate Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) account under the oversight of a practicing pharmacist.
- 3. Dispensary Access by Pharmacy School Representatives** – In the event a representative of the school of pharmacy requires access to the dispensary for purposes of observing the student or other activity related to the supervision of the APPE, such requests must be submitted to the Board by the host dispensary through the [standard visitation request process](#).
- 4. Rotation Activities** – The Board is not responsible for reviewing or approving the rotation activities performed by the pharmacy students.

5. Reminder to All Licensed Pharmacists and Interns – Should the practice of pharmacy occur in a setting other than a pharmacy, the licensee remains subject to all applicable requirements in Chapter 4729. of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 4729 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Violating any provision of Chapter 3796. or 4729. of the Revised Code or any rules adopted thereunder, may subject the individual to discipline by the Board.

If you have any questions regarding APPE rotations for pharmacy students at medical marijuana dispensaries, please email mmcp@pharmacy.ohio.gov.