



Pharmacist Continuing Education Update (March 2019)

Correction

2019 Continuing Education Reporting Requirements

The Board continues to receive questions about the new requirements for continuing education reporting. In September 2018, the Board adopted [new rules](#) for continuing education units (CEUs) pharmacists are required to obtain. These rules will align the reporting period to the new biennial renewal cycle.

For the 2019 reporting cycle ONLY:

- License numbers (03-1-XXXXX) will report a total of 60 hours of CEUs earned between September 16, 2016 and September 15, 2019. Must include 3 hours in pharmacy law and 2 hours in patient or medication safety.
- License numbers (03-2-XXXXX) will report a total of 40 hours of CEUs earned between September 16, 2017 and September 15, 2019. Must include 2 hours in pharmacy law and 1 hour in patient or medication safety.
- License numbers (03-3-XXXXX) will report a total of 20 hours of CEUs earned between September 15, 2018 and September 15, 2019. Must include 1 hour in pharmacy law and 1 hour in patient or medication safety.
- License numbers (03-4-XXXXX) issued between September 16, 2018 and April 30, 2019 will report a total of 20 hours of CEUs earned between date of licensure and September 15, 2019. Must include 1 hour in pharmacy law and 1 hour in patient or medication safety.
- License numbers (03-4-XXXXX) issued between May 1, 2019 and September 15, 2019 will not be required to report CEUs.

Pharmacists who meet the continuing education requirements via a pharmacy practice specific specialty certification (list available [here](#)), are still required to obtain the required CEUs in pharmacy law and patient or medication safety listed above.

Continuing education may be obtained from any of the following providers:

- An ACPE (Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education) continuing education provider;
- An approved in-state provider of pharmacy jurisprudence programs; or
- An approved in-state provider of volunteer healthcare services.
- **NOTE:** Only ACPE courses and CE from approved in-state providers (law and provision of volunteer healthcare services) are accepted. Some examples of courses that are not accepted include continuing medical education (CME) and continuing legal education (CLE).

Please review the continuing education guidance document, www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/CE for more information.

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact the Board via email at contact@pharmacy.ohio.gov.

2019 Law Presentations

The Board offers a [law review presentation](#) to learn about the latest developments in pharmacy laws and rules. Presentations take place across the state. Space is limited so early registration is recommended. The law review presentation qualifies for two hours (0.2 CEUs) of Board-approved jurisprudence continuing education. More information and registration instructions can be found on the Board's [continuing education webpage](#).

Free Online Law Quiz

The Board also offers a free online law CE quiz that provides one hour (0.1 CEU) of Board-approved jurisprudence continuing education. More information on the quiz can be found on the Board's [continuing education webpage](#).

Cultural Competency Continuing Education

The Board would like to remind pharmacists of the importance of cultural competency in the practice of pharmacy. Cultural competency can foster a greater understanding and appreciation of diverse patient populations, giving pharmacy professionals additional information and insight to enrich patient care. The Board has developed a guidance document to help locate CE opportunities in cultural competency, which can be accessed by visiting:
www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/cultural.
