Pharmacy Technician Continuing Education

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All **registered pharmacy technicians** are required to complete a total of ten contact hours (1.0 CEUs) of continuing pharmacy education during the 24 months preceding the expiration date of the technician's registration (i.e., 24 months prior to the March 31st renewal deadline).

For the 2026 renewal period, continuing education credits must be earned between April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026.

(See Q1 of this document for more information on certified pharmacy technician continuing education requirements.)

Continuing pharmacy education must be in pharmacy technician-specific subject matter and shall include the following:

- Two contact hours (0.2 CEUs) of continuing pharmacy education in the subject of pharmacy jurisprudence (law); and
- Two contact hours (0.2 CEUs) of continuing pharmacy education in the subject of patient or medication safety.

NOTE: Continuing education may only be obtained from the following providers:

- A pharmacy jurisprudence program (see Q5 of this document).
- An Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredited continuing education provider.

Additionally, a registered pharmacy technician may satisfy up to one-third of the technician's continuing education requirements by providing health care services as a volunteer in accordance with 4745.04 of the Revised Code.

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For rules on pharmacy technician continuing education requirements, visit: http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4729%3A3-5

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1) I am a **certified pharmacy technician.** Do I need to complete continuing pharmacy education?

A1) Certified pharmacy technicians are required to complete all continuing education requirements necessary to maintain a pharmacy technician certification (ExCPT or PTCB). A certified technician is **not** required to complete the ten contact hours that are required for a registered pharmacy technician.

Q2) I am a **pharmacy technician trainee.** Do I need to complete continuing pharmacy education?

A2) Pharmacy technician trainees are not required to complete any continuing education requirements.

Q3) I became a **registered pharmacy technician**, and my initial registration was within six months of the expiration date of the registration. Do I need to complete ten hours of continuing pharmacy education?

A3) A registered pharmacy technician that has obtained an initial registration within six months of the expiration date of the registration, meaning their registration was issued on or after September 30th of the previous odd year, does not need to complete continuing pharmacy education for the 2026 renewal. The technician will be required to earn continuing education for the 2028 renewal between April 1, 2026, and March 31, 2028.

Q4) Where can I obtain continuing pharmacy education?

A4) Continuing pharmacy education may only be obtained from the following providers:

- A pharmacy jurisprudence program (see definition in next question).
- An Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredited continuing education provider.
- An approved in-state provider of volunteer healthcare services in accordance with 4745.04 of the Revised Code.

Q5) What qualifies as a pharmacy jurisprudence continuing education program?

A5) A pharmacy jurisprudence program includes any of the following:

- An ACPE law program as identified by the ACPE numbering convention "03." All ACPE programs are assigned a Universal Activity Number (UAN). Therefore, you can identify a law course by looking for an "03" in the second to last series of letters and numbers. For example, 0798-0000-16-023-H**03**-T.
- A program offered by a Board approved in-state provider that pertains to recent changes in laws, rules, and regulations relating to the practice of pharmacy.
- A program presented by the Board of Pharmacy that pertains to recent changes in laws, rules, and regulations relating to the practice of pharmacy. The Board offers an annual free CPE jurisprudence quiz that is available by visiting: http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Licensing/CE.aspx

Q6) What qualifies as a patient or medication safety continuing education program?

A6) An ACPE continuing education program identified by ACPE numbering convention "05." The program must deal with prevention of healthcare errors and elimination or mitigation of patient injury caused by healthcare errors.

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Q7) How do I locate ACPE approved continuing education?

A7) ACPE lists all courses on its website: https://plan.acpe-accredit.org/

Q8) How do I document that I have successfully completed my required continuing education?

A8) All registered pharmacy technicians must obtain a free CPE Monitor account from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. This account will be used to report and monitor the successful completion of ACPE approved continuing pharmacy education. **Registered pharmacy technicians are encouraged to obtain a CPE Monitor account as soon as possible for any continuing education to be reported.**

To create your free account, visit: https://dashboard.nabp.pharmacy/#/login

For video instructions on creating an account, visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-d1bw7JF6F8.

For more information on CPE Monitor visit: https://nabp.pharmacy/help/categories/cpe-monitor.

IMPORTANT: Rule 4729:3-5-02 requires registered pharmacy technicians to keep all certificates and other documented evidence of participation which have been issued by a non-ACPE accredited provider (i.e., in-state providers of pharmacy jurisprudence or volunteer healthcare services) for which the pharmacy technician has claimed continuing education units towards renewal of the technician's registration for a period of one year following the year in which evidence was required for renewal.

NOTE: The Board will be conducting audits of registrants to determine if continuing education requirements have been met.

Q9) What are the continuing education requirements for the 2026 renewal cycle?

A9) All registered pharmacy technicians required to renew and earn continuing education for the 2024 renewal, must complete a total of ten contact hours (1.0 CEUs) of continuing pharmacy education between **April 1, 2024, and March 31, 2026**.

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