

ARTICLE III PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT

1. The externship/internship practical experience required for licensure is defined as a total of sixteen hundred (1,600) hours of pharmacy experience. The said sixteen hundred (1,600) hours of practical experience shall be obtained after the student is enrolled in the professional program of a school of pharmacy. Practical experience hours gained through clerkships and externships, while enrolled in a school of pharmacy whose externship rotations are approved by the Board, may be used to satisfy these requirements. In order for a pharmacy student to be considered as a valid extern in such a program, he/she must be certified by a school of pharmacy as a bona fide student making normal progress toward completion of either a Bachelor of Science or a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in pharmacy.

Any remaining practical experience required for licensure, not obtained by the extern through externship rotations, may be obtained during official vacation periods when the extern is not enrolled as a full time student or as an intern after graduation. No more than fifty (50) hours per week of practical experience shall be credited during any of these periods.

2. All practical experience gained in Mississippi, which is related to the dispensing of drugs, must be under the direct and immediate supervision of a pharmacist registered in Mississippi and in good standing with the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy. The direct and immediate supervision by the pharmacist requires the physical presence of the supervising pharmacist at all times and includes the constant personal supervision and monitoring of the extern or intern by the supervising pharmacist. The supervising pharmacist shall be responsible for the activities of the extern or intern.
3. No practical experience obtained in this state shall be credited to an extern or intern unless such extern or intern be registered with the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy as a pharmacy extern/intern and be issued a registration to dispense controlled substances by the Board. Beginning May 1, 2013, practical experience hours obtained in Mississippi will expire 2 years after graduation.
4. For practical experience obtained in another state and for which the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy is requested to grant credit toward the experience requirements, the applicant shall:
 - A. Submit the affidavits certifying the work experience to the Board of pharmacy in the state in which the experience was obtained; and verification that these hours are currently acceptable for a license in the state where the practical experience was obtained.
 - B. Request that Board of Pharmacy to send copies of the affidavits to the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy along with certification that the hours of experience claimed are acceptable to that Board.

Upon receipt of copies of the affidavits and the statement of their acceptance by the Board of Pharmacy in the state in which the experience was obtained, the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy may grant the same credit toward practical experience requirements.

For purposes of these Regulations the term "practical experience" shall include, but not be limited to, the compounding, dispensing and labeling of drugs, interpreting and evaluating prescriptions, maintaining prescription drug records and any other activity included in the practice of pharmacy.