

## ARTICLE XXXIV PHARMACY EXTERN/INTERN REGISTRATION

1. Every person enrolled in the professional curriculum of a school of pharmacy and pursuing either a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy degree or a Doctor of Pharmacy degree must obtain an extern/intern registration from the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy prior to enrolling and participating in externship or clerkship rotations or obtaining practical experience in a pharmacy permitted by the Board. The pharmacy extern/intern shall in no manner falsely assume, directly or by inference, to be a pharmacist. To obtain an extern/intern registration, the applicant shall:
  - A. Have submitted a written application on a form prescribed by the Board;
  - B. Be of good moral character as evidenced by having undergone and successfully passed a criminal background check conducted by the Board;
  - C. Show proof to the Board the applicant is enrolled in a school of pharmacy approved by the Board;
  - D. Have paid fees as specified by the Board.
  
2. A pharmacy extern/intern registration which has been issued by the Board shall expire when:
  - A. The extern/intern is expelled, suspended, withdraws or is dismissed from a school of pharmacy;
  - B. The extern/intern fails to become licensed as a registered pharmacist within six (6) months of graduation from a school of pharmacy;
  - C. Upon the expiration of a pharmacy extern/intern registration, the registrant may petition the Board for re-registration.

All pharmacy interns/externs shall notify the Board immediately upon change of employment and residence address.

When a Pharmacy Intern desires to obtain credit for training received in a state other than this State, he/she shall abide by all the provisions of the internship rules in that state, and shall provide evidence from that state's Board of Pharmacy of the number of clock hours of experience actually participated in by the Pharmacy Intern.

3. The Board may refuse to issue, or renew, or may suspend, revoke, or restrict the registration of any extern/intern upon one or more of the following grounds:
  - A. Unprofessional conduct as defined in ARTICLE V, paragraph G., Pharmacy Practice Regulations of the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy;
  - B. Violation of any regulation(s) of the Board;
  - C. Violation of any provisions of the Mississippi Pharmacy Practice Act or the Mississippi Uniform Controlled Substances Act;
  - D. Violation of pharmacy or drug laws of this state or any other state or rules and regulations pertaining thereto;
  - E. Fraud or intentional misrepresentation by a extern/intern in securing the issuance of a pharmacy extern/intern registration or failing to report to the Board any adverse action taken by another licensing jurisdiction, government

- agency, law enforcement agency, or court that would constitute grounds for action;
- F. Addiction to or dependence on alcohol, controlled substances, or other habit forming legend drugs, or the unauthorized use, possession, or theft of controlled substances or other habit forming legend drugs;
  - G. Physical or mental incapacity that prevents the intern/extern from practicing pharmacy with reasonable skill and safety to the public.
  - H. Divulging or revealing patient confidential or protected health information to any person other than as authorized by Board regulations.
  - I. Failure to comply with any lawful order of the Board;
  - J. Obtaining practical experience in a pharmacy permitted by the Board without the direct supervision and presence of a pharmacist licensed by the Board;
  - K. Failure to notify the Board of expulsion, suspension, dismissal or withdrawal from a school of pharmacy;
  - L. Violation of any university, college, or school of pharmacy policies, rules or regulations thereof.
  - M. Failure to report directly to the Board, losses or suspected losses of controlled substances or prescription drugs.
  - N. Theft from a permitted facility.
  - O. Theft or embezzlement of prescription drugs, controlled substances, or medical devices from a permitted facility.
  - P. Jeopardizing, compromising, interfering or failing to cooperate with any lawful investigation conducted by the Board or any state or federal regulatory or law enforcement agency.
  - Q. Destruction, removal, or tampering with any prescription drug, controlled substance, or medical device placed under seal, embargoed, or quarantined by the Board or any representative of the Board.
  - R. Knowing or suspecting that a Pharmacist or Pharmacy Intern is incapable of engaging in the Practice of Pharmacy or that a Pharmacy Technician is incapable of assisting in the Practice of Pharmacy, with reasonable skill, competence, and safety to the public, is diverting or abusing controlled substances or prescription drugs and failing to report any relevant information to the Board of Pharmacy.
  - S. Failing to pay costs assessed in a disciplinary hearing.
  - T. The unlawful disclosure of information from the Prescription Monitoring Program.
  - U. Using information obtained from the Prescription Monitoring Program for unlawful or unethical purposes.
4. For purposes of this ARTICLE, "obtaining practical experience" shall include, but not be limited to, the compounding, dispensing and labeling of drugs, interpreting and evaluating prescriptions, maintaining prescription records and any other activity included in the practice of pharmacy under the direct supervision of a pharmacist.