

PHARMACY BOARD[657]**Notice of Intended Action**

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 147.76 and 155A.6, the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 4, “Pharmacist-Interns,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments were approved at the November 6, 2013, regular meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

The proposed amendments revise the requirements for pharmacist-intern registration, the number of hours required, and reporting of completed internship training. The Board has determined that the college-based training included in the college curriculum provides adequate prelicensure training and that requiring a pharmacist-intern to obtain additional training and credit outside the school year is not necessary. A student, prior to commencing internship training and experience, is required to register as a pharmacist-intern, and the Board and the Iowa colleges of pharmacy have agreed that, to ensure timely registration, a student must register at the beginning of the first professional year in the college of pharmacy. The proposed amendments eliminate the requirements for completion and submission of the “internship booklet” certifying the competencies of the pharmacist-intern under the supervision of each pharmacist and, except for specific circumstances, eliminate the requirements relating to affidavits of internship training. The proposed amendments also reorganize and clarify the internship requirements for foreign pharmacy graduate licensure candidates.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of Board rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Any interested person may present written comments, data, views, and arguments on the proposed amendments not later than 4:30 p.m. on December 31, 2013. Such written materials may be sent to Terry Witkowski, Executive Officer, Board of Pharmacy, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite E, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4688; or by e-mail to terry.witkowski@iowa.gov.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 155A.6.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 657—4.1(155A) as follows:

657—4.1(155A) Definitions.

“Board” means the Iowa board of pharmacy examiners.

~~“Internship booklet” means a set of documents and forms to be completed by one or more pharmacist preceptors during the course of an individual pharmacist-intern’s internship training. The booklet includes the intern’s registration certificate, instructions for the intern and the preceptor, the competencies to be attained by the intern and certified by each preceptor, and one or more affidavits on which each preceptor shall certify the hours of nonconcurrent internship completed under that preceptor’s supervision.~~

~~“Nontraditional internship booklet” means that internship booklet comprised of competencies and affidavits relating exclusively to that nontraditional internship segment and approved by the board for the individual pharmacist-intern pursuant to subrule 4.6(6).~~

“Pharmacist-intern” or “intern” means a person enrolled in a college of pharmacy or actively pursuing a pharmacy degree, or as otherwise provided by the board, who is registered with the board for the purpose of obtaining instruction in the practice of pharmacy from a preceptor pursuant to Iowa Code section 155A.6. “Pharmacist-intern” includes a graduate of an approved college of pharmacy, or

a foreign graduate who has established educational equivalency pursuant to the requirements of rule 657—4.7(155A), who is registered with the board for the purpose of obtaining practical experience as a requirement for licensure as a pharmacist in Iowa. “Pharmacist-intern” may include an individual participating in a residency or fellowship program in Iowa, whether or not the individual is licensed as a pharmacist in another state.

“*Pharmacist preceptor*” or “*preceptor*” means a pharmacist licensed to practice pharmacy whose license is current and in good standing. Preceptors shall meet the conditions and requirements of rule 657—4.9(155A). No pharmacist shall serve as a preceptor while the pharmacist’s license to practice pharmacy is the subject of disciplinary sanction by a pharmacist licensing authority.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 657—4.3(155A) as follows:

657—4.3(155A) 1500-hour requirements. Internship credit may be obtained only after internship registration with the board and ~~successful completion of one semester~~ commencement of the first professional year in a college of pharmacy. Internship shall consist of a minimum of 1500 hours, ~~1250 hours~~ all of which may be a college-based clinical program approved or accepted by the board. Programs shall be structured to provide experience in community, institutional, and clinical pharmacy practices. ~~The remaining 250~~ A pharmacist-intern may acquire additional hours shall be acquired under the supervision of one or more preceptors in a traditional licensed general or hospital pharmacy, at a rate of no more than 48 hours per week, where the goal and objectives of internship in rule 657—4.2(155A) apply. Credit toward ~~the 250~~ any additional hours will be allowed, at a rate not to exceed 10 hours per week, for an internship served concurrent with academic training and outside a college-based clinical program. “Concurrent time” means internship experience acquired while the person is a full-time student carrying, in a given school term, at least 75 percent of the average number of credit hours per term needed to graduate and receive an entry-level degree in pharmacy. Recognized academic holiday periods, such as spring break and Christmas break, shall not be considered “concurrent time.” The competencies in subrule 4.2(2) and the concurrent time limitations of this rule shall not apply to college-based clinical programs.

ITEM 3. Amend rule 657—4.6(155A) as follows:

657—4.6(155A) Registration, reporting, and authorized functions. Every person shall register with the board before beginning the person’s internship experience, whether or not for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of rule 657—4.3(155A). Registration is required of all students enrolled in Iowa colleges of pharmacy ~~after they have successfully completed one semester~~ upon commencement of the first professional year in the college of pharmacy. Colleges of pharmacy located in Iowa shall, ~~at least annually,~~ certify to the board the names of students who have successfully completed one semester are enrolled in the first professional year in the college of pharmacy. ~~or Colleges of pharmacy located in Iowa shall, within two weeks of any change, certify to the board the names of students who have withdrawn from the college of pharmacy.~~

4.6(1) No change.

4.6(2) Supervision and authorized functions. A licensed pharmacist shall be on duty in the pharmacy and shall be responsible for the actions of a pharmacist-intern during all periods of internship training. ~~The~~ At the discretion of the supervising pharmacist, the following judgmental functions, usually restricted to a pharmacist, may be delegated to pharmacist-interns registered by the board:

a. to *c.* No change.

4.6(3) Term of registration. Registration shall remain in effect as long as the board is satisfied that the intern is pursuing a degree in pharmacy in good faith and with reasonable diligence. A pharmacist-intern may request that the intern’s registration be extended beyond the automatic termination of the registration pursuant to the procedures and requirements of 657—Chapter 34. Except as provided by the definition of pharmacist-intern in rule 657—4.1(155A), registration shall automatically terminate upon the earliest of any of the following:

a. No change.

- b. Lapse, ~~exceeding one year~~, in the pursuit of a degree in pharmacy; or
- c. No change.

4.6(4) Identification, reports, and notifications. Credit for internship time will not be granted unless registration and other required records ~~and~~ or affidavits are completed.

a. and b. No change.

c. Notarized affidavits of experience in non-college-sponsored programs shall be filed with the board office after the successful completion of the ~~appropriate internship booklet and completion of all required internships~~ internship. These affidavits shall ~~include certification of competencies and shall~~ certify only the number of hours and dates of training obtained outside a college-based clinical program as provided in rule 657—4.3(155A). An individual registered as a pharmacist-intern while participating in an Iowa residency or fellowship program shall not be required to file affidavits of experience ~~or to submit certification of competencies~~.

4.6(5) No credit prior to registration. Credit will not be given for internship experience obtained prior to the individual's registration as a pharmacist-intern. Credit for Iowa college-based clinical programs ~~(1250 hours)~~ will not be granted unless registration is issued before the student begins the program.

4.6(6) No change.

ITEM 4. Amend rule 657—4.7(155A) as follows:

657—4.7(155A) Foreign pharmacy graduates. Foreign pharmacy graduates who are candidates for licensure in Iowa will be required to obtain a minimum of 1500 hours of internship in a licensed pharmacy or other board-approved location.

4.7(1) Registration. ~~These candidates~~ Candidates shall register with the board as provided in rule 657—4.6(155A). Internship credit will not be granted until the candidate has been issued an intern registration. Applications for registration shall be accompanied by certification from the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC) as provided in 657—subrule 2.10(1).

4.7(2) Certification of hours. Following completion of any period of internship, internship hours shall be certified to the board by submission of notarized affidavits of experience as provided in paragraph 4.6(4) "c."

4.7(3) Credit for foreign pharmacy practice. The board may grant credit to a foreign pharmacy graduate, based on the candidate's experience in the practice of pharmacy, for all or any portion of the required 1500 hours of internship training. The candidate shall provide detailed information regarding the candidate's experience in the practice of pharmacy. The board shall determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether and to what extent the candidate's experience meets the goals and objectives established in rule 657—4.2(155A).

ITEM 5. Amend subrule 4.9(2) as follows:

4.9(2) ~~Competencies and affidavits~~ Affidavits. A preceptor shall be responsible for ~~initialing and dating those competencies the intern attained under the supervision of the preceptor and for completing the affidavit certifying the number of hours and the dates of each internship training period under the supervision of the preceptor~~ for any period of internship completed outside a college-based clinical program.