

657—3.17(155A) Training and utilization of pharmacy technicians.

3.17(1) Policies and procedures. All licensed pharmacies located in Iowa that utilize pharmacy technicians shall develop, implement, and periodically review written policies and procedures for the training and utilization of pharmacy technicians appropriate to the practice of pharmacy. Pharmacy policies shall specify the frequency of review.

3.17(2) Documented training. Pharmacy technician training shall be documented and maintained by the pharmacy for the duration of employment.

3.17(3) Vaccine administration training and continuing education. A pharmacy technician who administers a vaccine or immunization under the supervision of a pharmacist shall document successful completion of the requirements in paragraph 3.17(3)“a” or “b” and shall maintain competency by completing and maintaining documentation of the continuing education requirements in paragraph 3.17(3)“c.”

a. Initial qualification. Except as provided in paragraph 3.17(3)“b,” a technician shall have successfully completed an Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)-accredited program on vaccine administration that is an evidence-based program that includes study material and hands-on training and techniques for administering vaccines, requires testing with a passing score, complies with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, and provides instruction and experiential training in the following content areas:

- (1) Standards for immunization practices;
- (2) Basic immunology and vaccine protection;
- (3) Vaccine-preventable diseases;
- (4) Recommended immunization schedules;
- (5) Vaccine storage and management;
- (6) Informed consent;
- (7) Physiology and techniques for vaccine administration;
- (8) Immunization record management; and
- (9) Identification of adverse events.

b. Previous qualification. A technician who is currently licensed as a registered nurse shall be deemed to have met the training requirement.

c. Continuing education. During any technician registration renewal period, a technician who engages in the administration of vaccines shall complete and document at least one hour of ACPE-approved continuing education with the ACPE topic designator “06” followed by the letter “T” or “P.”

d. Certification maintained. During any period within which a technician may engage in the administration of vaccines, the technician shall maintain current certification in basic cardiac life support through a training program designated for health care providers that includes hands-on training.

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