

**SECTION H:**  
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The State of Washington requires 1500 hours of internship as part of the requirements for licensure as a pharmacist. Students in the School of Pharmacy are allowed to receive credit for a portion of these hours through approved practicum-oriented classes. Students in the PharmD program are allowed a maximum of 1200 hours of internship credit from approved practicum courses. Students are responsible for earning the remaining internship hour credits through work experience, with necessary paperwork submitted directly to the Washington State Board of Pharmacy.

An intern must have an intern license before any hours can be counted. A student may apply for registration as an intern after they have accepted our offer of admission to the School of Pharmacy, have turned in the appropriate paperwork and completed all the program prerequisites. However, a student cannot count hours earned towards licensure until the completion of the first quarter in pharmacy school. To retain a certificate and work as a pharmacy intern, the student must make satisfactory progress toward completing the pharmacy coursework. All hours submitted to the State Board toward licensure must be documented and notarized. Interns must work under a licensed preceptor who will validate the hours worked. Students must notify the Board of Pharmacy of the name of their preceptor.

All forms relating to internship licensing and reporting are available from the Washington State Board of Pharmacy. To download internship forms:

<https://www2.wa.gov/doh/hpqa-licensing/HPS4/Pharmacy/default.htm>

An applicant who has 700 hours of internship credit may take the state board examination provided that he or she has completed the PharmD degree requirements. However, licenses are not granted until 1500 hours have been earned and the degree has been awarded.

**NOTE:** It is the student's responsibility to maintain contact with the State Board of Pharmacy regarding these requirements. Please consult the law book or the Washington State Board of Pharmacy for guidelines. Mailing address:

Washington State Board of Pharmacy  
Department of Health  
Box 47863  
Olympia, WA 98504-7863

The WA Board is located at 310 Israel Rd, Tumwater, WA, 98501  
Phone: 1-800-896-0522 or 360-236-4825

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Upon completion of the eight required clerkship practicums in the fourth professional year, the Office of Professional Education will send a letter to the Washington State Board of Pharmacy informing them of the completion of 1200 intern hours. The student is responsible for submitting evidence of the remaining required hours of internship to the Washington State Board of Pharmacy.

Students wishing to become licensed in a state other than Washington need to contact the State Board of Pharmacy in that state. Contact information for other state boards of pharmacy may be found at <http://www.nabp.net/whoware/boards3.asp>. Students will need to find out what paperwork is required for licensure in the state and notify the School if documentation from the School needs to be sent to that State Board of Pharmacy and to whom the correspondence should be directed. Contact Mary Neyhart, Professional Programs Coordinator, if clerkship hours need to be sent directly to another State Board of Pharmacy and contact Nanci Murphy, Associate Dean for Academic and Student Programs, if notification of graduation eligibility is required.