

Section H: LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Licensure Requirements

Please read Chapter 246-858 WAC for complete information on Washington State internship requirements at <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/hpqa1/HPS4/Pharmacy/laws.htm>. Questions should be directed to the Washington State Board of Pharmacy at (360)236-4825

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 advanced practicums in the fourth year. 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 hours through work experience outside the School of Pharmacy, with necessary paperwork submitted directly to the Washington State Board of Pharmacy.

UW PharmD students may apply to the Washington State Board of Pharmacy for registration as an intern after they have been formally accepted into our program (i.e., received a satisfactory review on the background check, successfully completed all the program prerequisites, and submitted all required paperwork and fees to both the School and University). Once these requirements have been met and a written release signed by the student has been received, the School will notify the Board of Pharmacy regarding the student's formal acceptance. Students may not count earned hours towards licensure until they have completed their first quarter in pharmacy school. They must also work under the supervision of a certified preceptor (WAC 246-858-040). Students must notify the Board of Pharmacy of the name of their preceptor and intern site prior to beginning their internship (see Internship Site and Preceptor Notification Form located at the Washington State Board of Pharmacy website below).

A student who is not currently enrolled and attending classes in the PharmD Program for any reason (approved leave, dropped due to low scholarship, etc.) is not eligible to work as a Pharmacy intern. The student and School (per the signed student release) will notify the Washington State Board of Pharmacy and any other State Board that has granted the student a Pharmacy Intern certificate that he or she is no longer an enrolled student. Failure to notify the Board of Pharmacy and continuing to work as an intern may result in disciplinary action by the Washington State Board of Pharmacy.

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

https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/hpqa1/HPS4/Pharmacy/Documents/PharmacistIntern_USA_Registration.pdf

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
<https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/hpqa1/HPS4/Pharmacy/default.htm>

After successful completion of the nine required clerkship practicums in the fourth professional year and upon a student's written request, the Office of Professional Education will send a letter to the Washington State Board of Pharmacy informing them of the completion of the School's practicum 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/howeare/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 Pharmacy Education Coordinator, if clerkship hours need to be sent directly to another State Board of Pharmacy.