

Internship Hours for All Pharmacists

To apply for licensure, all pharmacists must complete an internship of 1,600 hours

This internship can be earned in the following ways:

1. 1,600 hours under the supervision of a Michigan approved pharmacist preceptor.
2. Completion of a board approved, structured practical experience program within the college or school of pharmacy curriculum.
3. Through a combination of #1 and #2.
4. Hours earned in another state must be reported by the Board of Pharmacy where the intern hours were obtained.

Activities that can be counted in the documentation of 1,600 hours of experience

1. Experience verified by a Michigan approved pharmacy preceptor.
2. Up to 400 hours of unconventional education experience verified by a pharmacy preceptor, other approved licensed pharmacist, or licensing agency. Activities such as working in a research laboratory or a pharmaceutical lab could be considered unconventional activities.
3. Experience obtained through practice as an intern in another jurisdiction if experience was comparable to standards set forth in rules. Verification must be submitted by school or licensing agency.
4. Experience as a licensed pharmacist in another jurisdiction can be considered the equivalent of internship experience. Verification of internship hours must be submitted by the licensing agency in that jurisdiction. (1,600 hours is equivalent to 40 weeks of experience at 40 hours per week).

Calculating hours of internship

1. Maximum of 40 hours of internship experience are allowed per calendar week.
2. Maximum of 16 hours of non-college sponsored internship experience per week are allowed if intern is a full time student in a college or school of pharmacy, except during authorized vacation periods.

Canadian Licensees

Part of the application process for Canadian licensees would include verification of 1,600 hours of internship that can be documented as listed in the acceptable Activities #1 – #4. The licensee's provincial offices can document the years of licensure which could satisfy the internship requirement as described in Activity #4. The Michigan Board of Pharmacy must also receive a letter from your employer(s) that includes the dates of employment, hours worked per week, total number of hours worked and a brief description of your job duties.