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CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL

CITE: TN Regulation 1140-5

Rule 1140-5-.01 requires that **thirty (30) contact hours of pharmaceutical continuing education** shall be completed by every pharmacist licensee for renewal of the biennial license. Points to be considered.

Fifteen (15) contact hours of the CE must be obtained from “live” contact programs. **All of these hours must be ACPE approved and designated “live” by the course number.** The course number must contain an “L” *for “live” or “C” for “combination”* in the space occupied by the third digit from the right end of the number. *If the CE designation is a “C”, the actual number of live hours must be identified on the on the certificate.* All thirty hours may be “live.”

Fifteen contact hours may be obtained from other sources including correspondence courses and articles in professional journals. At least nine (9) of these contact hours must be ACPE approved. **You may have no more than six (6) contact hours of Board approved CE that is not ACPE approved.**

A pharmacist will not be required to complete any CE during a biennial cycle if the pharmacist presents proof that during **all or part of the license cycle** the pharmacist was enrolled in a recognized academic program pursuing an advanced degree. Examples of advanced degrees are contained in Rule 1140-5-.01(2). The Pharm.D. Program is considered an experiential internship program and not an advanced degree. A fellowship or residency is considered an advanced curriculum.

Documentation must be provided to the board office. **A list of courses or a copy of an answer sheet, is not acceptable documentation.**

A license will not be renewed until proof of the CE is submitted. A \$50.00 penalty may be assessed for failure to comply.

Falsification of any documents renders the licensee subject to disciplinary action.