

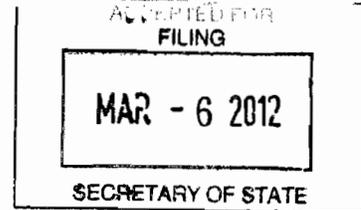
# Rule-Making Cover Sheet

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**TO:** Secretary of State  
**ATTN:** Administrative Procedure Officer,  
State House Station 101, Augusta, Maine 04333.

2012-62

1. **Agency:** Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmacy
2. **Agency umbrella and unit number:** 02-392  
(2 digit umbrella # and 3 digit unit #)
3. **Title of rule:** Pharmacy Student Internship Programs
4. **Chapter number assigned to the rule:** 6-A  
(must be 3 digits or less)
5. **Date(s)/method(s) of notice:** Newspaper advertisement by Secretary of State, 10-12-11; mailing to interested parties, 09-29-11; posting on OPOP's web site, 09-28-11
6. **Date(s)/place(s) of hearing(s):** 11-03-11, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, ME
- 7-A. **Type:**  new rule  partial amendment(s) of existing rule  
 suspension of existing rule  repeal of rule  emergency rule  
 repeal and replace: complete replacement of existing chapter, with former version simultaneously repealed.
8. **Name/phone of agency contact person:** Geraldine Betts, Board Administrator, (207) 624-8625
9. **If a major substantive rule under Title 5, c. 375, sub-CII-A, check one of the following**  
 Provisional adoption (prior to Legislative review)  Final adoption  
 Emergency adoption of major-substantive rule



10. **Certification Statement:** I, Joseph Bruno, hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of the rule(s) described above and lawfully adopted by the Maine Board of Pharmacy on February 2, 2012.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

(original signature, personally signed by the head of agency)

**Printed Name & Title:** Joseph Bruno, Board President

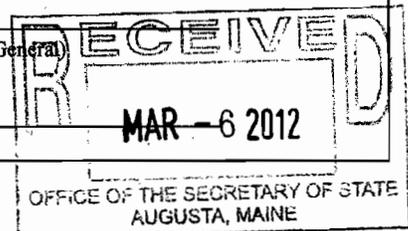
11. **Approved as to form and legality by the Attorney General on** 3/1/12

(date)

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

(original signature, personally signed by an Assistant Attorney General)

**Printed Name:** CHRISTOPHER L. MORAN



**EFFECTIVE DATE:** MAR 1 1 2012

**02 DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION****392 MAINE BOARD OF PHARMACY****Chapter 6-A: PHARMACY STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS**

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**Summary:** This chapter sets forth requirements of the pharmacy student internship required for licensure by Chapter 4, Section 1(4)(B) of the board's rules.

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**SUBCHAPTER 1****(PHARMACY STUDENTS EDUCATED IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA)****1. Scope**

The provisions of this subchapter apply to pharmacy internships for pharmacy students educated in the United States and Canada.

**2. Student Internship Program**

The pharmacy student internship consists of an IPPE and APPE administered by one or more pharmacy schools accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs, or a successor organization. The internship must be completed as part of the professional curriculum leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy degree. The minimum duration of the IPPE and APPE combined is 1,500 hours.

**3. Application for Student Internship in Maine**

A student matriculated in a professional academic program leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy degree shall apply to the board for licensure as a pharmacy technician intern as set forth in Chapter 7, Section 1(1) of the board's rules prior to commencement of an IPPE or APPE in Maine. The student shall include with the application the license fee required by Chapter 10 of the rules of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Licensing and Registration, entitled "Establishment of License Fees." A student may not participate in either pharmacy practice experience until the board has actually issued a pharmacy technician intern license to the student. It is the student's obligation to at all times be aware of his or her licensure status.

**4. Qualifications for Licensure**

The applicant shall meet the qualifications for licensure as a pharmacy technician set forth in Chapter 7, Section 1(2) of the board's rules. In addition, the applicant shall present to the

board written verification of matriculation in a professional academic degree program described in Section 2 of this subchapter. Maintenance of matriculation is an ongoing requirement of licensure. A license issued under this chapter automatically terminates upon a student's dropping out of or expulsion from pharmacy school.

## **5. Issuance and Renewal of License**

The initial license and all renewal licenses expire on December 31 annually. The license may be renewed for successive 1-year periods upon completion of a renewal application supplied by the board and certification by the licensee that he or she continues to be enrolled in a professional academic degree program as described in Section 1 of this subchapter. There is no fee to renew the license. A licensee who fails to timely renew the license must apply for a new pharmacy intern license and pay a reinstatement fee. A student intern may not practice with an expired or invalid license.

## **6. Final Renewal Period; Expiration**

The licensee shall notify the board of the licensee's graduation within 10 days as required by 10 MRSA §8003-G(2)(D). A pharmacy technician intern license automatically expires on the second renewal subsequent to the licensee's graduation and may not be further renewed. The licensee shall also notify the board within 10 days if the licensee has dropped out of or been expelled from pharmacy school.

## **7. Scope of Licensure; Supervision; Responsibility**

A pharmacy technician intern license issued under this Chapter authorizes the licensee to work as a student intern in an IPPE or APPE or in any other practice environment. The pharmacy technician intern may assist a preceptor pharmacist or pharmacist on duty in the practice of pharmacy. The preceptor pharmacist or pharmacist on duty is responsible for all actions performed by the pharmacy technician intern.

## **8. Preceptor Pharmacists**

A preceptor pharmacist must meet the qualifications established by the pharmacy school administering the IPPE or APPE in which the preceptor participates. For an IPPE or APPE administered in Maine, a preceptor pharmacist must also be licensed in good standing by the board and have at least 2 years of practice experience as a licensed pharmacist in any state.

## **9. Reporting**

### **A. Completion of IPPE/APPE**

A pharmacy technician intern's completion of an IPPE or APPE, including the number of hours worked, must be verified by the preceptor pharmacist in a manner acceptable to the board.

**B. Non-IPPE/APPE Hours**

No later than January 31 of each year, a pharmacy technician intern (or former pharmacy technician intern) shall report on forms provided by the board all hours worked during the preceding calendar year outside of an IPPE or APPE. All reported hours must be verified by the pharmacist in charge or supervising pharmacist.

**SUBCHAPTER 2**

**(PHARMACY STUDENTS EDUCATED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY OTHER THAN CANADA)**

**1. Scope**

This subchapter applies to pharmacy internships completed by pharmacy students educated in a foreign country other than Canada.

**2. Student Internship Program**

A pharmacy student internship consists of 1500 hours of pharmacy practice at one or more pharmacies under the direct supervision of working pharmacists. The pharmacy internship program provides foreign-educated pharmacy students with practical preprofessional experience in a supervised setting and prepares them for licensure as pharmacists. At least 500 hours of the required 1,500 hours must be completed in the United States.

**3. Application for Student Internship**

A pharmacy student shall have completed the second year of the 6-year pharmacy curriculum or its equivalent at a pharmacy degree program described in 32 MRSA §13732(1)(D) prior to commencing an internship. The student shall apply to the board for licensure as a pharmacy technician intern as set forth in Chapter 7, Section 1(1) of the board's rules. The student shall include with the application the license fee required by Chapter 10 of the rules of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Licensing and Registration, entitled "Establishment of License Fees." A student may not commence the internship until the board has actually issued a pharmacy technician intern license to the student. It is the student's obligation to at all times be aware of his or her licensure status.

**4. Qualifications for Licensure**

The applicant shall meet the qualifications for licensure as a pharmacy technician set forth in Chapter 7, Section 1(2) of the board's rules. In addition, the applicant shall present to the board written verification of matriculation in or graduation from a professional academic

degree program described in Section 3 of this subchapter. For an applicant who has not yet graduated, maintenance of matriculation is an ongoing requirement of licensure. A license issued under this chapter automatically terminates upon a student's dropping out of or expulsion from pharmacy school.

#### **5. Issuance and Renewal of License**

The initial license and all renewal licenses expire on December 31 annually. The license may be renewed for successive 1-year periods upon completion of a renewal application supplied by the board and certification by the licensee that he or she continues to be enrolled in a professional academic degree program as described in Section 1 of this subchapter, or has graduated. There is no fee to renew the license. A licensee who fails to timely renew the license must apply for a new pharmacy intern license and pay a reinstatement fee. A student intern may not practice with an expired or invalid license.

#### **6. Final Renewal Period; Expiration**

The licensee shall notify the board of the licensee's graduation within 10 days as required by 10 MRSA §8003-G(2)(D). A pharmacy technician intern license automatically expires on the second renewal subsequent to the licensee's graduation and may not be further renewed. The licensee shall also notify the board within 10 days if the licensee has dropped out of or been expelled from pharmacy school.

#### **7. Scope of Licensure; Supervision; Responsibility**

A pharmacy technician intern license issued under this Chapter authorizes the licensee to work as a student intern in an internship or in any other practice environment. The pharmacy technician intern may assist a preceptor pharmacist or pharmacist on duty in the practice of pharmacy. The preceptor pharmacist or pharmacist on duty is responsible for all actions performed by the pharmacy technician intern.

#### **8. Preceptor**

The pharmacist in charge shall designate one or more preceptor pharmacists for each pharmacy intern employed at the pharmacy. The preceptor shall direct the training of the intern to whom the preceptor is assigned. The preceptor must have at least 2 years of practice experience as a pharmacist. A preceptor may be responsible for the training of multiple pharmacy interns.

#### **9. Training Program**

The pharmacy at which a pharmacy intern is being trained shall provide an environment that is conducive to the learning of the practice of pharmacy by a pharmacy intern. The pharmacy shall develop a training program for pharmacy interns employed at that pharmacy. The pharmacy shall keep a copy of the training program on site at all times and shall furnish the

training program to the board upon inspection or upon request. Preceptor pharmacists shall follow the program in training interns.

Internship programs in non-traditional practice settings (e.g., industry-sponsored programs, manufacturer sales representative, physician's office) must be specially approved by the board upon a consideration of the criteria set forth in this section. The board may, in its discretion, approve a non-traditional practice setting for only a portion of the required 1500 hours.

## **10. Reporting**

### **A. Completion of Internship**

A pharmacy technician intern's completion of a student internship, including the number of hours worked, must be verified by the preceptor pharmacist in a manner acceptable to the board.

### **B. Non-Internship Hours**

No later than January 31 of each year, a pharmacy technician intern (or former pharmacy technician intern) shall report on forms provided by the board all hours worked during the preceding calendar year outside of an internship. All reported hours must be verified by the pharmacist in charge or supervising pharmacist.

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STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA. §§13720, 13721(1)(G), 13723, 13732(3)

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