

**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 19 PHARMACISTS**  
**PART 5 INTERNSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM**

**16.19.5.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** Regulation and Licensing Department -- Board of Pharmacy, 1650 University Blvd, NE - Ste. 400B, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 841-9102.  
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**16.19.5.2 SCOPE:** All pharmacist interns and pharmacist preceptors.  
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**16.19.5.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Section 61-11-6.A(17) NMSA 1978 requires that the Board of Pharmacy provide for the registration of pharmacist interns, their certification, annual renewal of certification, training, supervision, and discipline. Section 61-11-11 NMSA 1978 establishes qualifications for registration as a pharmacist intern. Pursuant to 61-11-12(B), the Board is authorized to issue an appropriate certificate of registration or license to each person registered as a pharmacist intern.  
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**16.19.5.4 DURATION:** Permanent.  
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**16.19.5.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 15, 1996, unless a different date is sited at the end of a sentence or paragraph.  
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**16.19.5.6 OBJECTIVE:** The objective of Part 5 of Chapter 19 is described in 16.19.5.8 below.  
[02-15-96; 16.19.5.6 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 19.5.6, 03-30-02]

**16.19.5.7 DEFINITIONS:** As used in the internship program:

**A. "Approved training area"** means a place for instructing an intern for licensure subject to requirements of the Board.

**B. "Approved Program"** means a program of training as outlined by the **"Standards of Practice."**

**C. "Computed time"** means that time credited towards the training period which begins from the date of intern registration and continues under the requirements of the approved program. Computed time shall consist of a maximum of 48 hours per week acquired in the internship program; including those hours acquired in an academic clinical pharmacy program, extern program, radiopharmacy program, or a "demonstration project" approved by the Board. Any internship acquired and submitted to the Board prior to July 30, 1986, under the November 1980 amended 16.19.5 NMAC INTERNSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM, shall be credited toward the required internship hours, under this regulation.

**D. "Intern"** means a pharmacy student or a graduate from an accredited college of pharmacy and registered in an approved program of supervised training.

**E. "Intern certificate of registration"** means that certificate furnished by the Board upon approval of, Application for Registration of Intern, received from the intern applicant.

**F. "Training period"** means 1500 hours if in the Bachelor of Science program, or 2150 hours if in the Doctor of Pharmacy program of Structured Internship Experience under the instruction of a licensed pharmacist preceptor, said hours to be acquired after the satisfactory completion of 30 semester hours in a college of pharmacy curriculum, or its equivalent.

**G. "Structured Internship Experience"** may be obtained through a combination of Academic internship Hours and employment.

(1) Academic Internship Hours include:

(a) externship not to exceed 675 hours if in the Bachelor of Science program;

(b) A maximum of 1500 clerkship hours satisfactorily completed and documented in an academic setting in the Doctor of Pharmacy program may be counted toward the Structured Internship Experience.

(c) Radiopharmacy not to exceed hours set by Board policy;

(2) Internship as defined in Subsection A of 16.19.5.8 NMAC of this regulation;

(3) The sum of any or all of the above Structured Internship Hours shall equal no less than 1500 hours if in the Bachelor of Science program or 2150 hours if in the Doctor of Pharmacy program.

**H. "Preceptor"** means a licensed pharmacist who meets those requirements for the supervision and training of an intern as stipulated in Subsection D of 16.19.5.8 NMAC of this regulation.

**I. "Supervision"** means that the preceptor shall maintain personal contact with the intern and shall be responsible for the required training at all times during the training period.  
[08-27-90; 16.19.5.7 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 19.5.7, 03-30-02]

#### **16.19.5.8 SUMMARY OF OBJECTIVES:**

**A.** Internship training, using academic training as a foundation, is to provide a learning experience in real life situations that will result in a complete professional, who is competent to practice pharmacy, and render professional services on his own, without supervision, at the time of licensure. The objectives shall be:

- (1) A practically, accurately and safely trained intern.
- (2) An ethically trained intern.
- (3) A legally trained intern. Standards of Practice and Internship Program constitute the basic

implementation of the approved internship program.

**B.** Instructional Materials, Affidavits, Evaluation Forms and Reports:

- (1) Forms shall be made available by the Board:
  - (a) Application for Registration of Intern;
  - (b) Employers Affidavit for Internship;
  - (c) Employers Affidavit for Externship/Clinical;
  - (d) Annual Preceptors Evaluation of Intern;
  - (e) Annual Intern Evaluation of Preceptor;
  - (f) Certification as Approved Preceptor by the Board Standards of Practice
- (2) Reports and project assignments as may be required to accompany forms under the approved

program.

(3) This regulation relating to the internship program shall be furnished to the intern. All other laws and regulations or manuals shall be available at a nominal fee or at reimbursement cost to the Board.

**C.** Requirements for Approved Training: Areas will include retail and hospital pharmacies, radiopharmacies, state and county institutions, federal installations, agencies and clinics, and Board approved researchers, drug manufacturers who participate in the approved NPI programs.

- (1) General Requirements include:
  - (a) Current license or permit.
  - (b) No deficiencies relevant to the observance of all federal, state and municipal laws and regulations governing any phase of activity in which the facility is engaged.
  - (c) Required References: 1. One current professional reference book of choice.

(2) A preceptor will be in direct supervision of all repackaging, labeling and dispensing of drugs for distribution in field offices by state and county health offices.

**D.** Requirements for Preceptor: Each Preceptor shall:

- (1) Be certified as a preceptor by the Board or be an approved preceptor for intern training in another state, by that state Board of Pharmacy.
- (2) Have been actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy for one year.
- (3) Be engaged in full-time practice of pharmacy.
- (4) Not have been convicted of violation of any laws or regulations relating to pharmacy, unless this provision is waived by the Board on an individual basis.
- (5) Submit all required forms, affidavits, and evaluations to the Board on or before the due date.
- (6) Be aware and responsible for following regulations governing legal and ethical professional conduct as outlined in the Standards of Practice and train the intern in this area.
- (7) Notify the Board of any change of address or employment in writing, within ten (10) days.

Change of employment shall serve to suspend certification as preceptor in the former place of employment where the individual was training an intern.

- (8) Not be permitted to leave the intern alone to assume the responsibility of a pharmacist.

**E.** Requirements for Intern:

(1) Application shall be made to the Board on the required application form provided by the Board prior to the beginning of internship. An applicant for registration as a pharmacist intern shall have satisfactorily

completed not less than 30 semester hours or the equivalent thereof, in a college of pharmacy curriculum accredited by the ACPE and meet other requirements established by regulations of the Board.

(2) The intern shall wear the standard identification tag, approved and issued by the Board during any pharmacy area employment. A nominal fee is applicable. The intern will be responsible for imprinting his/her name on the identification tag.

(3) The intern shall make such reports and certifications as required under the approved program.

(4) The intern is responsible for the knowledge and observation of the extent of his legal liability and legal restrictions applicable under the federal, state and municipal laws and regulations.

(5) The intern shall be responsible for ascertaining proper certification for himself, completion of all assignments, submittal of all forms, and reports under the approved program. After all assignments have been completed the preceptor will certify the affidavit and verify the completion of all requirements. Internship will not be evaluated or certified by the Board until all forms are turned in to the Board office in the form of certified affidavits.

(6) Employment and the internship training period are not to be interpreted as being the same. An intern may work in excess of his computed time. A maximum of 48 hours per week, however, shall be considered computed time for the purpose of completing the internship requirement of 1500 hours.

(7) The intern shall submit, annually, at the time of registration renewal, all completed required forms for the prior year or period of computed time.

(8) Any or all of the training period may be obtained after graduation.

(9) The intern shall notify the Board of any change of address, employment or preceptor, in writing, within ten (10) days of such change.

(10) The intern certificate of registration and renewal shall be displayed in the training area where the intern is employed.

(11) The registration shall be renewable under the following conditions:

(a) the intern has received a degree from an ACPE accredited college of pharmacy, but has not completed the required intern hours to take the state Board examination; or the intern has not completed the required number of hours and is enrolled as a pharmacy student;

(b) a candidate who has failed the NAPLEX Exam and/or the state Board Jurisprudence examination may renew intern registration to be valid until the next scheduled examination date; provided the renewal does not exceed the period allowed under 16.19.2 NMAC; or

(c) by prior approval or by direction of the Board.

(12) The intern registration must be renewed annually on/or before the last day of September. Annual renewal fee is \$10.00.

**F. Revocation of Suspension of Certification or Certificate:** A certification or certificate may be revoked or suspended upon violation of a statute or regulation; the failure to comply with the approved program or internship; or suspension of an intern from university or college attendance; and after due notice is filed pursuant to the Uniform Licensing Act.

**G. Out-of-State Training:**

(1) New Mexico registered interns wishing to earn intern hours out of state must comply with the regulation relating to internship and the approved program, or the equivalent thereof; certification of the preceptor shall be made to the Board by the Board of Pharmacy in the reciprocal state.

(2) Out of state registered interns or students wishing to earn internship hours in New Mexico must comply with the regulations relating to internship and the approved program of this state and shall register with the Board.

(3) Computed time, under equivalent approved programs, submitted to the Board by out-of-state applicants for licensure, will be evaluated.

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#### **16.19.5.9 SUMMARY OF OBJECTIVES FOR LAST YEAR PHARMACY STUDENTS IN THE RURAL HEALTH CLINIC SETTING**

**A.** Last year training programs, using academic training as a foundation, will provide learning experience in designated rural clinics. This program as designed and operated by the UNM College of Pharmacy, with Board approval, will provide a learning experience, expressive of the needs of rural health services.

**B.** Definitions:

(1) **"Approved Training Area"** means a rural health clinic serving fewer than thirty patients per day (average) and more than twenty-five miles from an established system of healthcare. The site to be served must be approved by the Board and UNM College of Pharmacy.

(2) **"Approved program"** means a program of training as defined by the UNM College of Pharmacy and approved by the Board.

(3) **"Intern"** accepted to serve as a clinic intern must be a pharmacy student in his last year prior to graduation who has completed all the didactic work in the College of Pharmacy.

(4) **"Preceptor"** means the licensed pharmacist defined under Subsection H of 16.19.5.7 NMAC.

(5) **"Supervision"** means the intern in a clinic environment will be supervised by a preceptor approved by the College of Pharmacy of UNM. The preceptor is required to perform an on sight consultation and review with the intern assigned to that clinic once a week.

(6) **"Hours"** and structure of those hours will be defined in the UNM College of Pharmacy Training Program.

**C.** Instructional materials, affidavits, evaluation forms and reports will be developed by the UNM College of Pharmacy in cooperation with the Board. At a minimum they will include:

(1) Application for registration

(2) Preceptors affidavit

(3) Preceptors evaluation of intern

(4) Interns evaluation of preceptor

(5) Preceptors Application

(6) Certification as Approved Preceptor by the Board.

(7) Manual for Standards and Training will be provided by the UNM College of Pharmacy for the Rural Health.

**D.** Requirements for Approved Training Areas shall include:

(1) Rural designation as defined in Paragraph 1 of Subsection B of 16.19.5.9 NMAC or Health Department designation as defined in Paragraph 5 of Subsection B of 16.19.5.9 NMAC.

(2) Current licensing.

(3) Lack of deficiencies relevant to the observation of federal, state and municipal laws and regulations.

(4) Available reference materials as defined in Subparagraph c of Paragraph 1 of Subsection C of 16.19.5.8 NMAC.

(5) All repackaging, labeling and dispensing of medication will be conducted as described in Paragraph 2 of Subsection C of 16.19.5.8 NMAC.

**E.** Requirements for preceptor refer to Subsection D of 16.19.5.8 NMAC

**F.** Requirements for the Rural Internship Program.

(1) Satisfactory completion of all didactic work in a College of Pharmacy with a curriculum approved and accredited by the ACPE and meeting all rules established by regulations of the Board.

(2) The College of Pharmacy, may, at its own discretion, refuse to enroll an intern in the program.

(3) Standard identification tags will be worn at the clinic.

(4) The intern shall make all reports and complete all assignments as required under the program.

(5) The intern shall be made fully acquainted with his legal status by the preceptor.

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HISTORY OF 16.19.5 NMAC:

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BOP 69-2, Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Pharmacy, 6-13-69.

BOP 69-3, New Mexico Laws and Regulations, Pharmacy Act, Drug and Cosmetic Act, Narcotic Drug Act, Poisons Act, Board of Pharmacy Rules and Regulations, 8-15-69.

BOP 72-1, New Mexico Board of Pharmacy Rules and Regulations Promulgated Pursuant to New Mexico Drug and Cosmetic Act, Pharmacy Act, Controlled Substances Act, 7-31-72.

Regulation No. 5, Internship Training Program, 2-7-80.

Regulation No. 5, Internship Training Program, 10-23-85.

Regulation No. 5, Internship Training Program, 2-2-87.

Regulation No. 5, Internship Training Program, 7-27-90.

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BOP 72-1, New Mexico Board of Pharmacy Rules and Regulations Promulgated Pursuant to New Mexico Drug and Cosmetic Act, Pharmacy Act, Controlled Substances Act - Repealed, 10-29-85.

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