CONTINUING EDUCATION – FOR PHARMACISTS

- Fifteen hours (1.5 CEUs) of ACPE or CME Category-1 continuing education are required each license year for renewal. Of the 15 hours, a minimum of 6 hours must be “live” hours obtained through attendance at lectures, seminars or workshops.

- Fifty percent of the total number of hours (7.5 hours) must be in drug therapy or patient safety.

- At least one (1) hour of ACPE continuing education must be related to approved procedures for monitoring controlled substances.

- Hours completed in excess of the requirement may be carried forward for credit in the next license year but may not be carried forward for more than one license year.

Exemptions for pharmacists:

1. Upon licensure in this state by examination or by license transfer, pharmacists are exempt from continuing education requirements for the first renewal period.

2. Pharmacists enrolled in an approved pharmacy post-graduate degree program may be exempt from the CE requirement. Application must be made to the board and a current official transcript must be submitted.

Via P&P #030: CE for Distance Education

Revision to the Board of Pharmacy policy concerning continuing education credit for distance education Pharm D. degree programs. The Pharmacist is required to attach to his renewal application a copy of his grade report or transcript showing successful completion of course. If no final grade has been issued, a letter from the Dean of the College of Pharmacy indicating enrollment and continued successful participation in the course will be acceptable. Documentation must include the dates of participation in the course.

Via S.C BOP P&P #078: Continuing Education - Pharmacists

1. Category I Continuing Medical Education courses are acceptable.

2. Pharmacists who are located out of the country where live programs are not available must state their situation to the Board on an annual basis and will be considered individually and exempted for periods as appropriate.

3. Pharmacists who are currently licensed as medical doctors, dentists, or other medical professionals and this post-pharmacy profession is their primary practice may submit evidence of current licensure in lieu of pharmacy CE.

4. Any pharmacist who is attending post-graduate courses in a health care field and who submits a transcript from such course is exempt from CE requirements.
CONTINUING EDUCATION – FOR TECHNICIANS

• Ten hours of ACPE or CME category-1 continuing education are required each license year for renewal. Of the 10 hours, a minimum of 4 hours must be “live” hours. CE must be taken before renewing a registration each year.

• Pharmacy Technicians are exempt from continuing education requirements while enrolled in a pharmacy technician program, as well as during the first renewal period following successful completion of the program. Section 40-43-130(H)

• Technicians may take CE that is designated for pharmacists (P) or technicians (T).

• Use the ACPE UAN# to determine if a CE is live (L), home (H) or combination (C). Example: Live CE will have an “L” in the UAN number 430-000-092-021-L01.

• All CME-Category 1 hours are live hours.

• Hours completed in excess of requirements may be carried forward in the next registration year but may not be carried forward for more than one registration year.

NABP E-Profile ID Number (IMPORTANT)
You must have a NABP e-profile ID for the NABP CPE Monitor Service with NABP (National Association of Board of Pharmacy). The e-profile ID will be used to conduct CE audits. To create an e-profile ID, go to www.nabpharmacy. Click on “CPE Monitor” at the top of the page then select the “Log In to CPE Monitor via e-Profile” and click on “Customers” and create a login.

ACPE CE CODES
(01) Disease State Management/Drug Therapy Management
(02) HIV/AIDS
(03) Law(related to pharmacy practice)
(04) General Pharmacy
(05) Patient Safety
(06) Immunizations
(07) Compounding

Sample list of websites that provide ACPE approved continuing education:

www.techlectures.com       www.scrx.org          www.freece.com
www.pharmacytechnicianletter.com www.continuingeducation.com/pharmtech