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246-861-030	Continuing education programs. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 92-03-029 (Order 234B), § 246-861-030, filed 1/8/92, effective 2/8/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-861-030, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91; Order 116, § 360-11-020, filed 11/9/73.] Repealed by WSR 97-20-164, filed 10/1/97, effective 11/1/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005.
246-861-070	Credit for continuing education. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-861-070, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005(12). WSR 80-08-036 (Order 156, Resolution No. 6/80), § 360-11-033, filed 6/26/80.] Repealed by WSR 92-03-029 (Order 234B), § 246-861-010, filed 1/8/92, effective 2/8/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005.
246-861-080	Credit for individual study programs. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-861-080, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005(12). WSR 80-08-036 (Order 156, Resolution No. 6/80), § 360-11-037, filed 6/26/80.] Repealed by WSR 92-03-029 (Order 234B), § 246-861-010, filed 1/8/92, effective 2/8/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005.
246-861-100	Pharmacist audits—Disallowed credit. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-861-100, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005(12). WSR 80-08-036 (Order 156, Resolution No. 6/80), § 360-11-045, filed 6/26/80.] Repealed by WSR 92-03-029 (Order 234B), § 246-861-010, filed 1/8/92, effective 2/8/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005.
246-861-110	Advisory committee on continuing education. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-861-110, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005(12). WSR 80-08-036 (Order 156, Resolution No. 6/80), § 360-11-060, filed 6/26/80; Order 116, § 360-11-060, filed 11/9/73.] Repealed by WSR 92-03-029 (Order 234B), § 246-861-010, filed 1/8/92, effective 2/8/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005.
246-861-120	Waiver of the continuing education requirement. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 92-03-029 (Order 234B), § 246-861-120, filed 1/8/92, effective 2/8/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-861-120, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91; Order 116, § 360-11-070, filed 11/9/73.] Repealed by WSR 98-05-060, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280.

WAC 246-861-010 Definitions. (1) "Accredited programs/courses" means continuing education sponsored by providers which are approved by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE).

(2) "Board approved programs/courses" means continuing education which has been reviewed and approved by the board office.

(3) "Approved provider" means any person, corporation, or association approved either by the board or ACPE to conduct continuing professional education programs.

(4) "Continuing education" means accredited or approved post-licensure professional pharmaceutical education designed to maintain and improve competence in the practice of pharmacy, pharmacy skills, and preserve pharmaceutical standards for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety, and welfare.

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WAC 246-861-020 Renewal requirements. (1) A pharmacist who desires to reinstate his or her pharmacist license after having been unlicensed for over one year shall, as a condition for reinstatement, submit proof of fifteen hours of continuing education for each year unlicensed or complete such continuing education credits as may be specified by the board in each individual case.

(2) The board of pharmacy may accept comparable continuing education units which have been approved by other boards of pharmacy.

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WAC 246-861-040 Applications for approval of continuing education program—Post-approval of continuing education program. (1) Applications for approval or post-approval of a continuing education program which is not an accredited program or provided by an approved provider shall be made on the form provided for this purpose by the Washington state board of pharmacy in the law book.

(2) The provider shall submit an application form forty-five days prior to the date the program will be held.

(3) A pharmacist who attends a program that has not been preapproved according to this rule, must submit application for approval within twenty days following the program.

(4) All programs approved by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education or the board, are accepted for continuing education credit and do not require that an individual provider approval be obtained in each case.

(5) The board of pharmacy may accept comparable continuing education units which have been approved by other boards of pharmacy.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 96-11-042, § 246-861-040, filed 5/8/96, effective 6/8/96; WSR 95-08-019, § 246-861-040, filed 3/27/95, effective 4/27/95; WSR 92-03-029 (Order 234B), § 246-861-040, filed 1/8/92, effective 2/8/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-861-040, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005(12). WSR 80-08-036 (Order 156, Resolution No. 6/80), § 360-11-023, filed 6/26/80.]

WAC 246-861-050 Continuing education program approved providers.

(1) Any provider may apply to the board on forms provided by the board for qualification as an approved provider. If a provider is approved, the board will issue a certificate or other notification of qualification. The approval shall be effective for a period of two years and

shall be renewable as set forth by the board. Providers who apply to the board for approved provider status must document the following:

(a) Identify the individual responsible for the providers' CE program;

(b) Provide copies of CE material and information used by the provider the previous two years with each renewal; and

(c) Develop a procedure for establishing:

(i) Educational goals and objectives for each program;

(ii) Program evaluation component for each program.

(d) A continuing education provider shall supply each attendee or subscriber with a written program description which lists the topic(s) covered, number of speakers or authors, time devoted to the program topic(s), and the instructional objectives of the program. The program description must also bear a statement of the number of hours of continuing education credit assigned by the provider.

(e) The provider must make available to each attendee or subscriber proof of attendance or participation suitable for verifying to the board the completion of continuing education requirements.

(f) The provider shall retain, for a period of two years, a list of persons to whom proof of attendance or participation as specified in (b) of this subsection was supplied. Providers of nonevaluation self-instruction units shall be exempt from this requirement.

(2) The board shall establish the standards and specifications necessary for a provider to obtain approval. These standards and specifications shall at least be equivalent to those established for continuing education programs in pharmacy by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education.

(3) The board may revoke or suspend an approval of a provider or refuse to renew such approval if the provider fails to maintain the necessary standards and specifications required.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 95-08-019, § 246-861-050, filed 3/27/95, effective 4/27/95; WSR 92-03-029 (Order 234B), § 246-861-050, filed 1/8/92, effective 2/8/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-861-050, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005(12). WSR 80-08-036 (Order 156, Resolution No. 6/80), § 360-11-027, filed 6/26/80.]

WAC 246-861-055 Continuing education program. (1) The continuing professional pharmaceutical education courses may consist of post-graduate studies, institutes, seminars, lectures, conferences, workshops, extension studies, correspondence courses and other similar methods of conveying continuing education as may be approved by the board.

(2) Such courses shall consist of subject matter pertinent to the following general areas of professional pharmaceutical education:

(a) The legal aspects of health care;

(b) The properties and actions of drugs and dosage forms;

(c) The etiology, characteristics, therapeutics, and prevention of the disease state;

(d) Specialized professional pharmacy practice.

(3) Full credit (hour for hour) shall be allowed for:

(a) Speakers.

(b) Panels.

(c) Structured discussion, workshops, and demonstrations.

- (d) Structured question and answer sessions.
- (4) Credit shall not be allowed for:
 - (a) Welcoming remarks.
 - (b) Time spent for meals or social functions.
 - (c) Business sessions.
 - (d) Unstructured demonstrations (e.g., poster sessions).
 - (e) Unstructured question and answer sessions (e.g., after programs ends).
 - (f) Degree programs except advanced degrees in pharmacy.
- (5) Keynote speaker and topics must be submitted through the standard process.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 95-08-019, § 246-861-055, filed 3/27/95, effective 4/27/95.]

WAC 246-861-060 Instructors' credit toward continuing education unit. Any pharmacist whose primary responsibility is *not* the education of health professionals, who leads, instructs or lectures to groups of nurses, physicians, pharmacists or others on pharmacy-related topics in organized continuing education shall be granted one hour of continuing education credit for each hour spent in actually presenting the initial course or program which has been approved for continuing education credit.

Any pharmacist whose primary responsibility is the education of health professionals shall be granted continuing education credit only for time expended in leading, instruction or lecturing to groups of physicians, pharmacists, nurses or others on pharmacy related topics outside his/her formal course responsibilities in a learning institution.

A presenter shall not be granted multiple credit for multiple presentations of the same program of continuing education.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 95-08-019, § 246-861-060, filed 3/27/95, effective 4/27/95; WSR 92-03-029 (Order 234B), § 246-861-060, filed 1/8/92, effective 2/8/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-861-060, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91; Order 116, § 360-11-030, filed 11/9/73.]

WAC 246-861-090 Amount of continuing education. (1) The equivalent of 1.5 continuing education unit (equal to fifteen contact hours) of continuing education shall be required annually of each applicant for renewal of licensure. 0.1 CEU will be given for each contact hour. A pharmacist may claim an incentive of 0.15 CEU for each contact hour for successfully completing a patient education training program which meets the criteria listed below, provided that the incentive credits shall not exceed 1.2 CEU (equal to eight contact hours and four incentive hours).

(2) Patient education training requirements: The program must include patient-pharmacist verbal interactive techniques developed by role-playing in which the pharmacist, in dispensing a medication to the patient can verify that:

- (a) The patient knows how to use the medication correctly.
- (b) The patient knows about the important or significant side effects and potential adverse effects of the medication.

(c) The patient has the information and demonstrates their understanding of the importance of drug therapy compliance.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 96-02-007, § 246-861-090, filed 12/20/95, effective 1/20/96; WSR 92-03-029 (Order 234B), § 246-861-090, filed 1/8/92, effective 2/8/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and chapter 18.64A RCW. WSR 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-861-090, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005(12). WSR 80-08-036 (Order 156, Resolution No. 6/80), § 360-11-040, filed 6/26/80; Order 116, § 360-11-040, filed 11/9/73.]

WAC 246-861-095 Pharmacists licensed in other health professions. A pharmacist who is licensed to practice another health profession shall meet the same pharmacy continuing education requirements in the same manner as all other pharmacists and shall otherwise comply with this chapter. A licensee's compliance with the continuing education requirements of another health profession shall not qualify as compliance with this chapter, unless the subject matter of the continuing education meets the standards established in this chapter.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005. WSR 92-03-029 (Order 234B), § 246-861-095, filed 1/8/92, effective 2/8/92.]

WAC 246-861-105 Suicide prevention education. (1) A licensed pharmacist must complete a one-time training in suicide screening and referral by the end of the first full continuing education reporting period after January 1, 2017, or during the first full continuing education reporting period after initial licensure, whichever is later. The training must meet the following requirements:

- (a) The training is at least three hours long;
- (b) Until July 1, 2017, training must be an empirically supported training in suicide screening and referral, and meet any other requirements in RCW 43.70.442; and
- (c) Beginning July 1, 2017, training must be on the department of health's model list of approved suicide prevention training programs, and include content related to imminent harm via lethal means.

(2) The hours spent completing the training in this section count toward meeting continuing education requirements in WAC 246-861-090.

(3) Nothing in this section is intended to expand or limit the pharmacist scope of practice.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.64.005 and 43.70.442. WSR 17-11-117, § 246-861-105, filed 5/23/17, effective 6/23/17.]