

BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS A PHARMACIST IN NORTH CAROLINA

In order to become licensed as a pharmacist in North Carolina the law requires that an applicant shall present to the Board of Pharmacy satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

1. has had practical experience in pharmacy under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist, which experience shall be approved by the Board of Pharmacy and shall not be required to exceed one year as may be determined by the Board of Pharmacy,
2. has graduated from an accredited school or college of pharmacy as determined by the Board, or has passed the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency exam administered by NABP, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the Test of Spoken English (TSE),
3. and must also pass the NAPLEX (North American Pharmacy Licensure Examination) and MPJE (Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination).

AGE

A copy of the applicant's birth certificate must substantiate proof of age or, in the case of immigrants, forms are available from the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

EXPERIENCE IN PHARMACY

NOTE: The required practical pharmacy experience described below may be validated only through registration with the Board of Pharmacy or in structured academic programs approved by the Board. Persons eligible for registration under this program must have been accepted for admission to an accredited school or college of pharmacy or eligible to return to such school.

The applicant shall show that he has received (acquired) 1500 hours of practical pharmacy experience under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist, said 1500 hours to be acquired after the satisfactory completion of two years of college work. Foreign graduates may NOT begin internship prior to receiving the FPGEC Certificate. Foreign graduates must obtain their internship experience in the United States.

Hours obtained in clinical programs must be certified on a Board certificate of graduation form completed at a school or college of pharmacy. All practical pharmacy experience to be acceptable must be acquired under the general conditions as approved by the Tripartite Committee and the Board.

Practical pharmacy training gained outside of North Carolina is acceptable only if it is received pursuant to a training program, which is equivalent to that in effect in North Carolina.

Practical pharmacy experience gained outside of North Carolina but pursuant to registration under the program of the Board in this State is acceptable only if it meets the same requirements as are in effect in this State. Applicants who expect to gain experience under these conditions should have certified copies of experience sent to this Board for consideration.

Practical pharmacy experience gained during military service, after the satisfactory completion of two years of college work, and under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist is acceptable.

All practical pharmacy experience gained outside of a structured academic program shall be reported to the Board on the North Carolina Practical Pharmacy Experience Affidavit, found here: http://www.ncbop.org/PhcistLicensureInfo_InternshipInfo.htm.

EXAMINATIONS

The NAPLEX and MPJE exams will be administered daily, Monday through Saturday, excluding holidays, through Pearson VUE. You may register for the NAPLEX and MPJE online by visiting the National Board of Pharmacy's website: <http://www.nabp.pharmacy>.

Exam Fees:
NAPLEX \$575
MPJE \$250

Persons desiring exam information should contact the **NC Board of Pharmacy, 6015 Farrington Road, Suite 201, Chapel Hill, NC 27517.**

The NAPLEX is a theoretical computer-adaptive examination that consists of 185 multiple-choice test questions. The MPJE is a two-hour, computer-adaptive jurisprudence examination that consists of 90 multiple-choice test questions.