

## **PHARMACISTS CAUTIONED ON PROPER FILING OF PRACTICAL PHARMACY EXPERIENCE AFFIDAVITS**

Each spring sees an influx of Practical Pharmacy Experience Affidavits submitted by graduating pharmacy students. Under North Carolina law, a pharmacist must obtain 1,500 hours of practical pharmacy experience as a condition of licensure. For North Carolina licensure, the Board deems the 1,500 hour requirement to be satisfied by completion of an accredited Doctor of Pharmacy program as certified by the school.

Some states, however, require licensure applicants to demonstrate practical pharmacy experience obtained outside of the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum. Where the applicant obtained some or all of that practical experience in North Carolina, the Board of Pharmacy must certify the experience. To certify that experience, the applicant must provide one or more Practical Pharmacy Experience Affidavits, found here: <http://www.ncbop.org/Forms%20and%20Applications%20-%20Pharmacists/PracticalPhcyExperienceAffidavit.pdf>

It is critical to note that the pharmacist submitting the affidavit is stating, under oath, that he/she is a North Carolina licensed pharmacist in good standing and that the “applicant will have my immediate and personal supervision and can render no pharmaceutical services except when under my immediate and personal supervision . . . .” In other words, the pharmacist submitting the affidavit is not simply confirming that an applicant worked a number of hours in a pharmacy with various pharmacists, but, rather, that the applicant obtained a number of hours of practical experience under the “immediate and personal supervision” of the pharmacist. This may, of course, require the applicant to get affidavits from several pharmacists who provided “immediate and personal supervision.”

Any pharmacist or license applicant with questions about the Practical Pharmacy Experience Affidavit should contact Stacie Mason, [smason@ncbop.org](mailto:smason@ncbop.org), (919) 246-1050.