

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

LCB File No. R175-12

PROPOSED WORK SHOP LANGUAGE FOR AMENDMENT TO NAC 639.240 WORK SHOP HEARING JULY 19, 2012

NAC 639.240 Requirements for registration of pharmaceutical technicians. (NRS 639.070, 639.1371)

1. No person may perform the duties of a pharmaceutical technician until the person has been issued a certificate of registration.

2. An applicant for registration as a pharmaceutical technician must:

(a) Be 18 years of age or older;

(b) Be a high school graduate or the equivalent;

(c) Not have been convicted of any felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or the unlawful possession, sale or use of drugs;

(d) Have no history of drug abuse; and

(e) Have complied with one of the following requirements:

(1) The successful completion of a program of training for pharmaceutical technicians, including, but not limited to, a program of training offered by a postsecondary school, that is approved by the Board pursuant to NAC 639.256.

(2) Registration in another state as a pharmaceutical technician if the requirements for registration in that state are equivalent to the requirements of this State ***and include at least 240 hours of verifiable work experience in a pharmacy by the managing pharmacist.***

(3) If the state in which the applicant has been employed does not offer registration, licensure or certification as a pharmaceutical technician:

(I) The successful completion of at least 1,500 hours of experience in a pharmacy in that state performing the duties set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 3 of NRS 639.1371 during the 3 years immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted;

(II) The successful completion of at least 350 hours of employment in a pharmacy in this State; and

(III) The acquisition of a written statement to the Board from the managing pharmacist of the pharmacy referred to in sub-subparagraph (II) stating that the applicant, during his or her employment, demonstrated competence to perform the tasks assigned to him or her.

Such an applicant must register as a pharmaceutical technician in training before he or she completes the requirements of sub-subparagraph (II).

(4) The successful completion of at least 1,500 hours of training and experience as a pharmaceutical technician in training. A pharmaceutical technician in training may accumulate certified hours of training from each place of employment.

(5) The successful completion of a program of training for pharmaceutical technicians conducted by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, ***Indian Health Service or the Department of Veterans Affairs.***

(6) Certification by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or the Institute for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians as a pharmacy technician if:

(I) The applicant successfully completes a program of training for pharmaceutical technicians conducted by a postsecondary school in another state; ~~and~~

(II) The program is accredited or otherwise approved by the appropriate regulatory authority in that state; *and*

(III) The applicant has completed at least 240 hours of verifiable work experience in a pharmacy by the managing pharmacist.

3. An applicant who attended a school outside the United States must submit to an organization which evaluates educational credentials a copy of the transcript of his or her academic record from that school for a determination of whether the grades the applicant received are substantially equivalent to the grades required for an applicant who attended a school, or a program of training for pharmaceutical technicians that is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, in the United States. The applicant must ensure that a copy of the organization's evaluation of the transcript is submitted to the Board.

4. Upon receipt of an application and the required fee, the Executive Secretary shall, unless he or she has good cause to deny the registration, issue a certificate of registration to the pharmaceutical technician.

[Bd. of Pharmacy, § 639.200, eff. 6-26-80]—(NAC A 12-3-84; 3-27-90; 11-15-93; 11-9-95; 7-17-96; R012-01, 11-1-2001; R041-04, 5-25-2004; R036-07, 1-30-2008; R121-08, 9-18-2008)

REVISER'S NOTE.

The regulation of the State Board of Pharmacy filed with the Secretary of State on January 30, 2008 (LCB File No. R036-07), which amended this section, contains the following provisions not included in NAC:

“Notwithstanding the provisions of NAC 639.256, if a program of training for pharmaceutical technicians has been approved by the State Board of Pharmacy before January 30, 2008:

1. The program is not required to be accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists until January 30, 2010; and

2. An applicant for registration as a pharmaceutical technician may satisfy the requirement set forth in subparagraph (1) of paragraph (e) of subsection 2 of NAC 639.240 if he successfully completes the program not later than January 30, 2010.”