

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY**

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Explanation – Language in *blue italics* is new; language in *red text* [~~omitted material~~] is language to be omitted, and language in *green text* indicates prior Board-approved amendments that are in the process of being codified.

AUTHORITY: NRS 639.070

A REGULATION relating to the practice of pharmacy; revising provisions governing the requirements for maintaining certification in basic cardiac life support for a pharmacist who administers immunization or an intern pharmacist acting under the direct and immediate supervision of a pharmacist who administers immunization.

NAC 639.2973 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Before a pharmacist may administer an immunization pursuant to a written protocol or before an intern pharmacist acting under the direct and immediate supervision of a pharmacist may administer such immunizations, the pharmacist or intern pharmacist must be trained and certified to administer immunizations by completing a course approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education *or its successor organization* that includes:

(a) Certification in life-saving techniques pursuant to the American Heart Association's Basic ~~[Cardiac]~~ Life Support for Health Care Providers, *American Red Cross' Basic Life Support*, or ~~fits~~ an equivalent *program approved by the Board*;

(b) Education and practical training, including, without limitation, written study materials regarding techniques for administering immunizations;

(c) Evaluation of the knowledge and technique of the pharmacist or intern pharmacist in administering immunizations;

(d) Instruction consistent with the current training guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

(e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a minimum of 20 hours of instruction and practical training concerning:

(1) The standards for pediatric, adolescent and adult immunization practices recommended and approved by the United States Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices;

(2) Basic immunology, and vaccine and immunization protection;

(3) Diseases that are preventable through vaccination and immunization;

(4) Recommended immunization schedules;

(5) Vaccine and immunization storage and management;

(6) Informed consent;

(7) Physiology and techniques for administration of immunizations;

(8) Preimmunization and postimmunization assessment and counseling;

(9) Immunization reporting and records management; and

(10) Identification, response, documentation and reporting of adverse events.

2. In lieu of complying with the requirements of paragraph (e) of subsection 1, a pharmacist or an intern pharmacist who administers immunizations consisting exclusively of live attenuated influenza vaccine through the nasal passages of a person may complete a program of less than 20 hours of instruction which is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education *or its successor organization* and includes instruction relating to:

(a) The epidemiology of influenza;

(b) The pathophysiology, clinical presentation, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of influenza;

(c) The administration, storage and handling of influenza vaccines; and

(d) The counseling of patients who will be immunized with the vaccine.

3. Before a pharmaceutical technician acting under the direct and immediate supervision of a pharmacist may administer an immunization pursuant to a written protocol, the pharmaceutical technician must complete at least 1 hour of training related to vaccines, immunization and the administration of immunization provided by:

(a) Immunize Nevada or its successor organization;

(b) An entity approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education or its successor organization;

(c) The owner or managing pharmacist of the pharmacy at which the pharmaceutical technician is employed; or

(d) Another entity approved by the Board.

NAC 639.2974 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. A pharmacist who administers immunizations or an intern pharmacist acting under the direct and immediate supervision of a pharmacist who administers immunizations shall:

(a) Maintain certification in basic cardiac life support from the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or its successor organization, or an equivalent program approved by the Board; and

(b) On or before October 31 of each year, complete:

(1) At least 2 hours of continuing education in a course or courses that address the life cycle of diseases, drugs and administration of immunizations; or

(2) A course provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding epidemiology and prevention of diseases which are preventable through immunization.

2. On or before October 31 of each year, a pharmaceutical technician acting under the direct and immediate supervision of a pharmacist who administers immunizations shall complete at least 1 hour of continuing education related to vaccines, immunization and the administration of immunizations provided by an entity listed in subsection 3 of NAC 639.2973.