

Chapter 639 of NAC

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

PHARMACEUTICAL TECHNICIAN EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Section 1. NAC 639.240 shall be amended as follows:

1. No person may perform the duties of a pharmaceutical technician until he 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 that is approved by the ~~[Board]~~ *the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists*, including, but not limited to, a program of training offered by a postsecondary school that is located outside this State ~~[, if the program is approved by the Board or agency which governs the practice of pharmacy in the state where the program is offered].~~

(2) ~~[The successful completion of at least 1,500 hours of experience as a registered hospital pharmaceutical technician.~~

~~—(3)]~~ Registration in another state as a pharmaceutical technician if the requirements for registration in that state are equivalent to the requirements of this State.

~~[(4) 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 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 employment, demonstrated competence to perform the tasks assigned to him.

↪ Such an applicant ~~[may]~~ *shall* register as a pharmaceutical technician in training before he completes the requirements of sub-subparagraph (II).

~~[(5) 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.

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 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 program approved 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 has good cause to deny the registration, issue a certificate of registration to the pharmaceutical technician.

5. *Any program for the education and training of a pharmaceutical technician under paragraphs 2(e)(1) or 2(e)(5) shall administer at least one random drug and alcohol screening test to each student or pharmaceutical technician in training before the program can allow that student or pharmaceutical technician in training to commence employment or training in a pharmacy. The program may administer other drug and alcohol screening tests to students or pharmaceutical technicians in training throughout the program on a random basis or for cause. If a student or pharmaceutical technician in training tests positive for alcohol or any drug for which the student or pharmaceutical technician in training does not have a valid prescription or if the student or pharmaceutical technician in training refuses to provide a sample for such testing, then:*

(a) The program must immediately prohibit the student or pharmaceutical technician in training from any further employment or training within a pharmacy;

(b) Notify and provide to the board the positive test for the student or pharmaceutical technician in training or notify the board of the student's or pharmaceutical technician in training's refusal to provide a sample for testing; and

(c) The program must not allow the student or pharmaceutical technician in training to be employed or trained in any capacity in a pharmacy until that student or pharmaceutical technician in training is allowed to resume employment or training in the pharmacy by the board.

Section 2. NAC chapter 639 shall be amended to add the following new language:

Any program approved by the board pursuant to NAC 639.240(2)(e)(1) prior to the effective date of this regulation shall attain accreditation by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists within 24 months of the effective date of this regulation. A program that fails to attain accreditation within 24 months of the effective date of this regulation shall no longer be approved by the board and may not accept any new students.