

INTERNSHIPS

1) **What are the requirements for registering as a pharmacy intern in Maryland?**

At this time, Maryland does not require interns to be licensed. In order to work as an intern, an individual may work at any pharmacy in Maryland as long as a pharmacist-in-charge signs and supervises the hours earned.

After completing intern hours, a pharmacist-in-charge or preceptor is required to complete and submit a notarized pharmacy affidavit form, which is available on the Boards' web site <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/pharmacy/SitePages/pharmacistforms.aspx>

Applicants must obtain on State Board letterhead verification of internship hours earned outside of Maryland. The verification must include preceptor and permit holder verification information, as well as completion of State Board of Pharmacy Internship Certifications or other State Board internship requirements. Applications for licensure in Maryland will not be approved for internship hours earned outside of Maryland, until internship verification has been provided.

2) **How many internship hours must pharmacist candidates complete to meet Maryland Board of Pharmacy licensure requirements?**

The Maryland Board will accept one of the following as evidence of satisfactory completion of an internship program: COMAR 10.34.02.04

- A. 1,000 hours of a school-supervised professional experience program conducted by a school of pharmacy accredited by the American Council of Pharmaceutical Education; or
- B. 1,560 hours of full-time training, under the direct supervision of licensed pharmacists.

If an approved school or college of pharmacy offers a partial fulfillment of internship requirements as part of its curriculum, the Board may accept time an applicant spent in a program on an equivalent basis to replace a portion of the required 1560-hour internship training under this regulation.

Foreign pharmacy school graduate candidates: may earn internship hours before completing the FPGEE examination. The required total of internship hours in Maryland for Foreign graduates is 1,560 hours.