



## Pharmacy Residency Policy- Licensure in Ohio

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## Purpose

To support the [Licensure/Certification/Clinical Competency Policy](#), this document outlines the Ohio Pharmacy Licensure expectations for all pharmacy residents during post-graduate 1 (PGY1) and post-graduate 2 (PGY2).

## Definitions

**Cleveland Clinic health system (Ohio sites only)** - Includes the main campus, Avon, Euclid, Fairview, Hillcrest, Lutheran, Marymount, Medina, South Pointe, Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation, and all Family Health Centers, Physician practice sites, Emergency Departments, Express Care Centers, Urgent Care Centers and Ambulatory Surgical Centers reporting to these facilities.

**ACPE** - Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education

**NAPLEX** - North American Pharmacy Licensure Examination

**MPJE** - Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination

## Policy Implementation

All pharmacy residents must successfully be licensed by the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy in a timely manner, including reciprocity.

1. All pharmacy residents must have graduated from an Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredited School of Pharmacy, and be licensed in the State of Ohio.
2. Residents should contact the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy as soon as possible after the match to determine licensure requirements. Residents are responsible for determining and completing Ohio intern hour requirements necessary to be eligible to sit for Licensure Examinations.
3. Residents must obtain an Ohio Pharmacy Intern License if currently does not hold a Pharmacist License in Ohio or in another state.
  - a. Residents do not need Ohio Intern License if currently holds a current/active Pharmacist License in another state while waiting for reciprocity to be determined by Ohio State Board of Pharmacy.
    - i. Reciprocity should be done as soon as possible (July of residency year)
4. Residents must maintain Ohio Pharmacy Intern License until obtaining a Pharmacist License in Ohio.
  - a. Failure to obtain or maintain Ohio Pharmacy Intern License while waiting for Ohio Pharmacist License will result in suspension from work/residency
5. Until the resident is licensed in Ohio, they must work under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist.
6. All pharmacy residents should obtain their Ohio Pharmacy License prior to orientation or as soon as possible after starting orientation.
7. Residents must be licensed within the first 90 days of start date.

- a. Residents should complete initial licensure examinations by July 15 and shall complete no later than July 31, to allow adequate time for re-testing in the event the resident does not pass the initial examinations.
- b. For NAPLEX, after a failed attempt, please refer to NAPLEX standards regarding waiting period for next attempt.
- c. For MPJE, after a failed attempt, there is a 30 day waiting period for next attempt at the MPJE.
- d. Failure to obtain license by August 1 may impact resident's staffing and clinical rotations (e.g, decrease in number of electives, attendance at local, state, and national conferences), and may extend the residency program length to meet requirements as outlined in the Successful Completion of Residency Policy.

8. Failure to pass Ohio State Board of Pharmacy Licensure requirements within in first 90 days of start date or two failed attempts of the same examination (i.e., NAPLEX or MPJE) occurring within in first 90 days of start date of the residency will result in termination from the residency program. **Exceptions (e.g., medical leave in accordance with the Pharmacy Residency Policy- Leave of Absence) will be considered on an individual basis. If exception approved, the residency will be extended by the amount of time as the extension (e.g., up to 12 weeks based on Pharmacy Residency Policy- Leave of Absence) to ensure that the resident completes 12 months of the training and completes two-thirds of the residency as a licensed pharmacist.**

9. Managers or designee are responsible for performing primary source verification of a resident's license within first 90 days of start date.

- a. Manager or designee is responsible for performing primary source verification of renewal no later than the expiration of the credentials.
- b. Manager or designee will retain a copy of the website screen print, dated no later than the expiration date in the resident's departmental file, and submit to Human Resources.

10. PGY2 pharmacy residents must show proof of certificate of completion for a post-graduate Year 1 (PGY1) residency within the first 30 days of hire. Failure to produce certificate of completion for a post-graduate Year 1 (PGY1) residency will result in dismissal from the residency program.

- a. PGY2 residents must bring in a copy of the certificate of completion for a post-graduate Year 1 (PGY1) residency (e.g., graduation certificate).
- b. Pharmacy manager or designee will contact PGY1 residency program to verify the primary source.

11. Residents are responsible to maintain current licensure, certification, and/or clinical competencies as required by their position as outlined in the Licensure/Certification/Clinical Competency Policy. Continued employment is contingent upon maintaining current credentials.

## **Regulatory Requirement/References**

Ohio Licensure as a Pharmacist by Examination. Available from  
<https://pharmacy.ohio.gov/Licensing/Pharmacist.aspx> (Accessed May 25, 2017).

NAPLEX- <http://www.nabp.net/programs/examination/naplex> (Accessed May 15, 2017).

### **Oversight and Responsibility**

The Pharmacy Residency Committee is responsible to review, revise, update, and operationalize this policy to maintain compliance with regulatory or other requirements.