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Division of Professional Regulation

QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE:

REGISTERED PHARMACIST (051)

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The Division of Professional Regulation hopes that you will find the below useful in successfully applying for a license in the State of Illinois. Carefully review this information as it will assist you in applying for your license and eliminate any processing delays.

Important Information:

- Before contacting the Department, please review our FAQs for answers to most questions. http://www.idfpr.illinois.gov/About/FAQ.html)
- If your question is not addressed in our FAQ's or this document, please contact the department at 1-800-560-6420.
- Requirements of licensure and practice are provided by the Illinois Pharmacy Practice Act (225 ILCS 85/) and Rules in Administrative Code (68 IAC Section 1330).

LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

- Graduation from an ACPE accredited PharmD programs, **OR**
- Completion of an international Pharmacist education program, completion of the FPGEC, and completion of a 1200-hour course of clinical instruction.

Examination:

- NAPLEX (or NABPLEX), **AND**
- IL MPJE, Uniform MPJE or an ACPE approved module and assessment related to Illinois Pharmacy Law.

Supervised Experience:

- Graduates of ACPE accredited PharmD programs must complete at least 1500 hours of supervised experience, as required by the program and ACPE standards. **OR**
- Graduates of international pharmacist education programs must complete a 1200-hour course of clinical instruction or 1 year of licensed practice as a pharmacist in another US state or US jurisdiction with no discipline.

REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

New or Recent Graduates of US/ACPE Accredited PharmD Programs must provide:

- Proof of Graduation from an ACPE approved PharmD program such as a completed Certification of Education (form ED) or an official transcript.

- Individuals who are pre-filing (applying to complete the examination prior to graduation) will be required to provide proof of education *twice*, once *before* graduation has occurred, and **again *after* graduation has occurred and the degree has officially been awarded.**

Graduates of International Pharmacist Training Programs:

- NABP eProfile ID and FPGEC Certification. (Do not apply until after you are FPGEC certified.)

- An outline of a proposed 1200-hour Course of Clinical Instruction.

    - An applicant must locate a pharmacy and a pharmacist who will serve as preceptor. An applicant must arrange with this preceptor and pharmacy to complete the training at the pharmacy.

    - **The training must be completed under an Illinois RPh preceptor and must be approved by the Illinois Board of Pharmacy before one can begin the course of clinical instruction.**

    - The pharmacy may pay the applicant while these hours are completed.

    - The training may be completed in multiple settings (hospital pharmacy, community pharmacy, etc.).

    - The applicant must prepare with the preceptors an outline of the proposed 1200-hour course of clinical instruction, similar in size and scope to the samples below:
        - SAMPLE COMMUNITY PHARMACY OUTLINE
        - SAMPLE HOSPITAL PHARMACY OUTLINE

    - The outline must list all pharmacists who will serve as preceptor and all sites where the hours will be completed.

    - **One may not begin the 1200-hour course until AFTER the Board approves the outline.**

- After the Board has approved the outline, the applicant will be able to apply for a Student Pharmacist Pharmacy Technician license in order to complete the training.

NABP License Transfer (Endorsement Licensure Method)

- Illinois utilizes the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) Preliminary Application for Transfer of Pharmaceutical Licensure for licensure on the basis of endorsement. This application may be requested online at www.nabp.pharmacy.
- After requesting the Transfer of License application, an applicant must DOWNLOAD their NABP application from their NABP eProfile and then UPLOAD it into the IDFPR CORE licensing platform. **Please make sure to upload the NABP License Transfer application itself and NOT the invoice.**
- **Graduates of International PharmD programs must have 1 year of licensed practice as a pharmacist in another US state or US jurisdiction with no discipline in order to apply under this pathway.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ONCE LICENSED

- All 051 Registered Pharmacist licenses expire on March 31 of each even-numbered years. The first licensure period may be less than 2 years. After the first renewal, the licensure cycle is 2 years.
- It is your responsibility to update your contact information including email address with the Department to ensure that you receive all courtesy renewal email reminders and other notifications.