

**151.101 INTERNSHIP.**

Subdivision 1. **Registration requirements.** (a) Upon payment of the fee specified in section 151.065, the board may register as an intern any natural persons who have satisfied the board that they are of good moral character, not physically or mentally unfit, and who have successfully completed the educational requirements for intern registration prescribed by the board.

(b) The board in its discretion may accept internship experience obtained in another state provided the internship requirements in such other state are in the opinion of the board equivalent to those herein provided.

Subd. 2. **Renewal requirements.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2026, an intern registration expires on September 30 each year or when the intern receives a pharmacist license, whichever is earlier.

(b) To renew an intern registration, the intern must file an application for renewal and submit the fee established under section 151.065 on or before September 1 each year.

(c) If the board does not receive the intern's registration renewal application on or before September 1 each year, the intern is subject to a late filing fee equal to 50 percent of the renewal fee under section 151.065 in addition to the renewal fee.

(d) An individual who received an intern registration under the criteria in section 151.01, subdivision 15, clause (1), and paid \$75 for the individual's application fee between May 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, is not subject to the \$25 renewal fee for the first two renewal cycles following the \$75 fee payment.

(e) If an individual is no longer enrolled in a doctor of pharmacy program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, the board must terminate that individual's intern registration effective the last date the individual was enrolled in a qualifying program.

(f) The board must not renew an intern registration unless the individual:

- (1) has maintained current notices of employment for internship training with the board;
- (2) submitted a progress report affidavit of the intern credit hours completed by June 15 each year;
- (3) meets all other eligibility criteria for a pharmacist intern; and

(4) demonstrates to the board's satisfaction the individual is in good faith and with reasonable diligence pursuing a degree in pharmacy or is completing a pharmacy residency or fellowship.

(g) An intern whose registration has lapsed may renew the intern registration within one year of expiration, subject to the fees in paragraph (c). An intern whose registration has lapsed for more than one year must meet the registration requirements for an initial intern applicant in effect at the time the individual applies for reinstatement and pay any fees and late fees in arrears in accordance with section 151.065.

(h) If the board receives a late renewal, reinstatement, or initial intern application from an eligible individual within 90 days before September 30, the board may extend the registration expiration date for that applicant to September 30 of the subsequent calendar year and prorate the application fee accordingly.

Subd. 3. **Internship credit hour requirements.** (a) To apply for licensure as a pharmacist under section 151.10, an individual must complete at least 1,600 intern credit hours under the direction and supervision of a preceptor.

(b) Of the 1,600 credit hours required under this subdivision, an intern may earn:

(1) a maximum of 80 credit hours in the individual's first professional academic year for a structured experience directed by the college of pharmacy that the individual attends and is overseen by college faculty, registered preceptors, or supervising licensed pharmacists;

(2) a maximum of 400 credit hours of concurrent time internship; and

(3) a maximum of 54 credit hours per week that may be earned from more than one site.

**History:** 1969 c 933 s 9; 1973 c 639 s 4; 1976 c 222 s 85; 1986 c 444; 1988 c 550 s 9; 1Sp2011 c 9 art 5 s 19; 1Sp2025 c 3 art 3 s 111