

WAC 246-945-178 Pharmacist continuing education. (1) As part of the process to renew a pharmacist license, a pharmacist shall complete continuing education in compliance with this section.

(2) A pharmacist shall complete the equivalent of 30 hours of continuing education each license renewal cycle. The 30 hours of continuing education must be delivered by a continuing education provider accredited by ACPE, except as provided for in subsections (4) and (5) of this section.

(3) A pharmacist shall register with a program designated by the commission for tracking completed CPE hours.

(4) A pharmacist shall complete a one-time training in suicide screening and referral by the end of the first full renewal cycle after initial licensure. The training must meet the following requirements:

(a) Be at least three hours long;

(b) Be from the department's model list of approved suicide prevention training programs, and include content related to imminent harm via lethal means; and

(c) The hours spent completing the training in this subsection may count toward meeting CPE requirements.

(5) A pharmacist shall complete at least one hour of health equity training as described in WAC 246-12-830 each license renewal cycle.

(a) Health equity training may be provided by a continuing education provider accredited by ACPE or by a health equity training program contained on the department's list of approved health equity training programs.

(b) The hours spent completing health equity training will count toward meeting continuing education requirements.

(6) Continuing education hours cannot be carried over to the next renewal cycle.

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