

Board of Pharmacy Policy Statement:
Pharmacy Intern Hours Earned Outside of Formal Experiential Training

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The California State Board of Pharmacy (Board), recognizing the importance of intern experience as an integral part of the preparation for pharmacist licensure, supports and encourages intern pharmacists to gain qualified work experience outside of the structured experiential training earned as part of pharmacy education.

The Board supports pharmacists and pharmacy employers that provide opportunities for intern pharmacists to gain deeper experience and understanding of pharmacy operations and patient care services, while assisting intern pharmacists to further develop clinical knowledge and experience to ensure practice readiness.