

**Title 16. Board of Pharmacy
Order of Adoption**

Add Section 1730.2 of Article 3. of Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

§ 1730.2 Certification Programs

- (a) For purposes of Business and Professions Code section 4210, subdivision (a)(2)(A), general clinical pharmacy practice is among the relevant areas of practice for which certification may be earned.
- (b) For a pharmacist seeking to demonstrate certification in general clinical pharmacy as a criterion for advanced practice pharmacist licensure by the board, the certification may be earned from an organization recognized as a continuing education provider by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education or accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies as a certification provider, so long as:
 - (1) The certification program includes specified learning objectives in at least five sequentially-ordered education modules, covering the following topics: performing patient assessments; ordering and interpreting drug therapy-related tests; referring patients to other health care providers; participating in the evaluation and management of diseases and health conditions in collaboration with other health care providers; and initiating, adjusting, modifying or discontinuing drug therapy;
 - (2) The certification program requires assessment after completion of each of the education modules in an examination format or by other assessment methodology that confirms the participant's understanding, knowledge, and application of the specified learning objectives for the module, where any failure to successfully complete the assessment in any module prevents advancement to the next module;
 - (3) The certification program requires that instruction and assessments in each of the modules are developed and provided by either:
 - (A) An advanced practice pharmacist licensed by the board or
 - (B) An expert with experience in the respective area(s) of focus specified in subparagraph (1), where "expert" means a person who qualifies to teach at a school of pharmacy recognized by the board.
 - (4) The certification program requires that, upon successful completion of all modules and their respective assessments, each participant shall earn a passing score on a final overall assessment before being awarded certification. The assessment shall be either a final written examination or an objective structured clinical examination developed and administered in collaboration with an accredited school of pharmacy recognized by the board; and
 - (5) The certification program require(s) a minimum of ten hours of continuing education on the topics identified in (b)(1) every two years to maintain certification.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4005 and 4210, Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Sections 4052.6, 4210, and 4233, Business and Professions Code.