

Occupational Authorizations

for the meeting of the

ALC-OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 1:30 PM

Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy

PHARMACIST

Authorization Type:	Licensure	# of Individuals Regulated:	7223
Entity Division Name:	Arkansas Department of Health		
Scope of Practice:	(18) (A) "Practice of pharmacy" means the healthcare provider profession of: (i) (a) Dispensing, selling, distributing, transferring possession of, vending, bartering, or, in accordance with rules adopted by the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, administering drugs, medicines, poisons, or chemicals that under the laws of the United States or the State of Arkansas may be sold or dispensed only on the prescription and order of a practitioner authorized by law to prescribe drugs, medicines, poisons, or chemicals. (b) Except as limited by rules adopted by the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, a pharmacist has the ability to administer medications. (c) A pharmacist may prescribe, administer, deliver, distribute, or dispense medications that treat adverse reactions associated with the administration of vaccines and immunizations, vaccines, and immunizations to or for a person three (3) years of age or older. (d) A pharmacist who prescribes and administers vaccines and immunizations other than for influenza or coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) to a person who is three (3) years of age to six (6) years of age shall: (1) Participate in the federal Vaccines for Children Program; and (2) Inform the person who is three (3) years of age to six (6) years of age and adult caregivers accompanying the person who is three (3) years of age to six (6) years of age of the importance of a well-child visit with a pediatrician or other licensed primary care provider and recommend a well-child visit at least yearly. (e) (1) A pharmacist may administer medications other than medications that treat adverse reactions associated with the administration of vaccines and immunizations, vaccines, and immunizations under a patient-specific order or prescription or general written protocol. (2) The administration of the medication under subdivision (17)(A)(i)(e)(1) of this section is subject to reporting to the prescribing physician, if applicable. (f) A general written protocol and patient-specific orders or prescriptions under subdivision (17)(A)(i)(e) of this section shall be from a physician licensed by the Arkansas State Medical Board and practicing in Arkansas or within fifty (50) miles of the Arkansas border. (g) Under a statewide protocol, a pharmacist may initiate therapy and administer or dispense, or both, drugs that include Naloxone, nicotine replacement therapy products, oral contraceptives, HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis, and HIV post-exposure prophylaxis; (ii) Placing, packing, pouring, or putting into a container for dispensing, sale, distribution, transfer of, possession of, vending, or bartering any drug, medicine, poison, or chemical that under the laws of the United States or the State of Arkansas may be sold or dispensed only on the prescription of a practitioner authorized by law to prescribe drugs, medicines, poisons, or chemicals;		

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- (iii) Placing in or affixing upon any container described in subdivision (17)(A)(ii) of this section a label required to be placed upon drugs, medicines, poisons, or chemicals sold or dispensed upon prescription of a practitioner authorized by law to prescribe those drugs, medicines, poisons, or chemicals;
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- (v) Interpreting prescriptions for drugs, medicines, poisons, or chemicals issued by practitioners authorized by law to prescribe drugs, medicines, poisons, or chemicals that may be sold or dispensed only on prescription;
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- (viii) Advising and providing information concerning utilization of drugs and devices and participation in drug utilization reviews;
- (ix)
 - (a) Performing a specific act of drug therapy management or disease state management delegated to a pharmacist for an individual patient based upon a written protocol or a patient care plan approved by a physician, who shall be licensed in this state under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq.
 - (b) Drug therapy management shall not include the selection of drug products not prescribed by the physician unless the drug products are either named in the physician-initiated protocol or the physician-approved patient care plan;
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(i) The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy may permit pharmacy technicians other than pharmacists or interns to perform some or all of those functions described in Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy rules under the direct, personal supervision of a licensed pharmacist under rules defining the minimum qualifications of such employees, the ratio of pharmacy technicians to supervising pharmacists, and the scope of the duties, practices, and procedures that the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy determines will promote the delivery of competent, professional pharmaceutical services and promote the public health and welfare.

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Statutory Requirement(s): Arkansas Pharmacy Practice Act 17-92-101 et. seq.

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No

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If NO, the rule establishing the expedited process and procedure:

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Penalty	Renewal Late Fee - February	\$20.00	Biennially
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Fee	Reinstatement Fee - Minimum	\$75.00	Once
Fee	Reinstatement Fee - Maximum	\$300.00	Once
Fee	License by Reciprocity - Licensure Application Fee - Even Year	\$275.00	Once
Fee	License by Reciprocity - Licensure Application Fee - Odd Year	\$200.00	Once
Fee	License by Exam - Original Pharmacist License - Even Year	\$150.00	Once
Fee	License by Exam - Original Pharmacist License - Odd Year	\$75.00	Once
Fee	License by Exam - Application Fee	\$25.00	Once

Administrative Rules Documents

Document Type	Document
Rules	Appendix A Pharmacy Practice Act January 2026 Current.docx
Rules	17 CAR 160 Subparts 2 through 8 Pharmacists and Interns.docx
Rules	17 CAR 160 Subpart 31 Criminal Background Checks.docx

Supporting Evidence Documents

No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided

PHARMACIST INTERN

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Rules	Appendix A Pharmacy Practice Act January 2026 Current.docx		
Rules	17_CAR_160_Subpart_31_Criminal_Background_Checks.docx		
Rules	17_CAR_160_Subparts_2_throuh_8_Pharmacists_and_Interns.docx		
Supporting Evidence Documents			

No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Authorization Type: Registration # of Individuals Regulated: 9097

Entity Division Name: Arkansas Department of Health

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Penalty	Renewal Late Fee - February	\$20.00	Biennially

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Rules	17_CAR_160_Subpart_9_Pharmacy_Technicians.docx

Supporting Evidence Documents

No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided

ALC – Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee
Occupational Entity Questionnaire
ADH - Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy

Responses to the following questions are due via email to Subcommittee staff no later than the 15th of the month immediately preceding the month the occupational authorization is scheduled for review by the Subcommittee.

1. Would consumers be at risk of substantial harm if Arkansas did not have this occupational authorization? What instances of specific and substantial harm have been documented in the past year?

The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy was established by the Legislature on March 22, 1891, via Act 50 of 1891, to protect the public health and welfare of the citizens of Arkansas by ensuring that the legitimate distribution of medications and legal drugs would be done by qualified pharmacists. Act 50 stated: “In all civilized countries it has been found necessary to regulate the traffic in medicines and poisons, and to provide by law for the regulation of the delicate and responsible business of compounding and dispensing the powerful agents used in medicines.” Oversight by a licensing agency helps to ensure that consumers receive legitimate prescription medications rather than counterfeit, adulterated or otherwise illegitimate medications. The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy has identified several instances of illegal distribution of medications that were either counterfeit or outside of the normal, legal chain of distribution.

2. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by unauthorized practitioners? What specific action was taken by the occupational entity? **There was one case before the board in the last 2 years regarding an individual that was acting as a pharmacist when they were not licensed as a pharmacist. This individual had graduated from pharmacy school but was unable to pass the national board licensure exam to become a licensed pharmacist in Arkansas or any other state. The Board held a hearing on this former pharmacy intern in early 2024 and took the following actions: barred the individual from any future attempts to take the national licensure exam for licensure as a pharmacist in Arkansas, blocked the individual from being eligible for any individual registration or license to practice in**

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a pharmacy in Arkansas, levied a fine and referred the case to the prosecuting attorney for any further criminal consideration.

3. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by authorized practitioners? What specific action was taken by the occupational entity?
There were 154 written complaints received in 2025 where consumers claimed potential harm. These complaints were investigated and several were brought before the Board for consideration and a decision. The Board often will levy monetary penalties, charge for investigative costs, assign additional continuing education to help prevent future events, require corrective action plans and assign other disciplinary measures such as probation for violations. Many of the complaints to the Board were situations where the consumer was dissatisfied with treatment or upset that the pharmacy or pharmacist legally refused service. We also see complaints where consumers are upset about the prices of or access to their medications which we have no control over.
4. Were any applicants who otherwise met authorization requirements denied authorization in the past year? If so, why? **No**
5. How much does the occupational entity collect annually in fees, and what are annual expenses? How much money does the occupational entity have in reserves? **As of June 1, 2026, the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy's fund balance was \$2,212,616. Annual operating expenses average \$2,051,380. License Revenue and Fines collected during FY2025 totaled \$1,830,366. As of June 1, 2026, total collections for FY2026 are \$2,149,336. License and permit renewals are conducted on a biennial basis, which results in fluctuations in annual revenue collections from year to year. Additionally, fines and penalties are assessed on a case-by-case basis; therefore, revenue generated from disciplinary actions varies depending on the number and severity of violations during a given fiscal year. The Board of Pharmacy has not implemented a license fee increase since the mid-1990's. In an effort to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens and costs, the agency has also amended its rules to reduce and/or eliminate endorsements, including nursing home consultant and preceptor permits.**

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6. If the occupational entity has a positive amount in reserves, when was the last time reserve funds were used? For what purpose? **The Board's reserves have been used for licensure systems updates and to fund a rural student loan/scholarship program at the two colleges of pharmacy in Arkansas to encourage graduates to return to rural practice.**
7. Does the occupational entity have any other sources of revenue? Could occupational authorization fees be reduced without causing the occupational entity to be underfunded? **There is no other source of revenue. Application fees, renewal fees, examination fees, interest, and fines alone fund the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy.**
8. How many applicants for the occupational authorization fail each year? Does the occupational entity track how many applicants that do not progress are veterans, women, or minorities? **We will have a periodic fail of the Arkansas Jurisprudence exam and allow retakes of the exam which is less than 10% of all test takers sitting for the first examination. Almost everyone passes round 2 of this exam but if they need a 3rd test they can meet with the Board to request another retake (less than 1% of all testers). The Board of Pharmacy performs an annual law review at the colleges of pharmacy to help interns prepare for the jurisprudence exam. A video of this review is provided on our website for anyone wanting to watch the review as a refresher or to study for the test if applying by reciprocity.**
9. Can applicants complete the training requirements for this occupational authorization with vocational or non-traditional education (e.g., apprenticeships)? What percentage of applicants complete apprenticeships? **Pharmacists and Pharmacy Student Interns are required to attend an accredited pharmacy school. Pharmacy technicians are required to have a high-school diploma and are generally trained on the job.**
10. In what ways would removal of the occupational authorization or reduction of occupational authorization requirements be harmful to current authorization holders? **Removing the occupational authorization requirements could be harmful to the citizens of Arkansas. For specific groups, allowing untrained individuals to act as pharmacists in the medication distribution process could cause catastrophic issues with the loss of professional knowledge to both identify and educate patients about the potential benefits and harm of the medications they may be taking. This could**

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also largely discredit the trained and professionally educated pharmacists currently working.