

**CHAPTER 61-03-04**  
**CONTINUING PHARMACEUTICAL EDUCATION**

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**61-03-04-01. Definitions.**

1. Continuing pharmaceutical education is a planned learning experience beyond a formal degree program designed to promote the continual development of professional knowledge, professional skills, and professional attitudes on the part of the practitioners and includes, but is not limited to, professional postgraduate education in any of the following subjects:
  - a. Properties and actions of drugs and drug dosage forms.
  - b. Etiology, characteristics, and therapeutics of the disease state.
  - c. Pharmacy practice.
  - d. Legal, psychological, and socioeconomic aspects of health care delivery.
2. One continuing education unit (c.e.u.) equals ten hours of instruction.

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**General Authority:** NDCC 28-32-02, 43-15-10(12)(14), 43-15-25.1

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**61-03-04-02. Requirements for continuing pharmaceutical education.**

1. Each pharmacist shall complete at least fifteen hours (1.5 c.e.u.) of approved continuing pharmaceutical education every year as a condition of renewal of a certificate of licensure as a pharmacist in the state of North Dakota.
2. There may be no carryover or extension of continuing education units with the exception that continuing education units obtained twelve months prior to the beginning of each annual reporting period which begins March first of each year and ends the last day of February, may be used in the current annual reporting period or the previous reporting period. However, they may not be counted as credit in both reporting periods. The failure to obtain the required fifteen hours of continuing education by the renewal date may result in a suspension

for the minimum of thirty days or a maximum of the period ending the date the continuing education is completed.

3. Pharmacists shall maintain their own records on forms supplied by the board. The records shall be maintained for a two-year period.
4. The requirements of this section do not apply to a pharmacist applying for a first renewal of a certificate of licensure.
5. A pharmacist holding a certificate of licensure from the board may make application to the board for a waiver of compliance with the continuing pharmaceutical education requirements and may be granted an exemption by the board. No pharmacist holding such an exemption may practice pharmacy in North Dakota until reinstated by the board after completing fifteen hours of continuing pharmaceutical education (one and one-half c.e.u.) during the year before reinstatement.
6. Upon request of the board, proof of compliance must be furnished to the board.

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#### **61-03-04-03. Approved continuing education.**

1. Approved continuing pharmaceutical education means those continuing pharmaceutical education programs made available by an approved provider. Postgraduate courses offered by a school or college of pharmacy recognized by the board as an approved school shall constitute approved continuing pharmaceutical education. The board shall maintain a record of approved programs including the hours of credit assigned to each program which shall be available upon request.
2. Approved provider means any association, corporation, educational institution, organization, or person who has been recognized by the American council on pharmaceutical education in accordance with its policy and procedure, as having met its criteria indicative of the ability to provide quality continuing pharmaceutical education programs.

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**61-03-04-04. Advisory council on continuing pharmaceutical education.**

1. There is hereby established an advisory council to the state board of pharmacy consisting of:
  - a. Two pharmacists appointed by the state board of pharmacy.
  - b. Two pharmacists appointed by the North Dakota state university college of pharmacy.
  - c. Two pharmacists appointed by the North Dakota state pharmaceutical association.
2. The advisory council on continuing pharmaceutical education shall advise the state board of pharmacy in the implementation, coordination, and accreditation of programs of continuing pharmaceutical education and members shall serve without compensation.
3. The advisory council on continuing pharmaceutical education shall meet at least annually, and at such other times as determined by the council. The advisory council shall annually elect a chairman and vice chairman from its membership, and the secretary of the state board of pharmacy shall act as secretary to the council.
4. Membership of each pharmacist on the advisory council on continuing pharmaceutical education shall be for a two-year term, with one of the two pharmacists appointed by the state board of pharmacy, North Dakota state university college of pharmacy, and the North Dakota state pharmaceutical association, to have a term of one year upon the initial appointment of pharmacists to the advisory council, and thereafter shall have a two-year term. The purpose of this requirement is to stagger the membership so that not all members will be replaced at the end of each two-year period.

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