POLICY STATEMENT: Verification of Out-of-State Internship Hours:
The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission recognizes accredited institutions as those that meet the accreditation standards of the American Council on Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

The July 2007 revision of ACPE’s Standards and Guidelines for the Professional Program in Pharmacy Leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree required college-based pharmacy practice experience program became more uniform. The standards and guidelines have led many state boards of pharmacy to accepted college-based pharmacy practice experience programs as meeting the practical experience required for licensure. As a result, several state boards are no longer certifying intern/externship hours.

Current rules require that the out-of-state boards of pharmacy certify internship/practical experience toward the fulfillment of a minimum of fifteen-hundred (1500) hours required for licensure as a pharmacist in Washington State. If a state board no longer certifies internship hours, the Commission will accept verification of the hours earned by written notification from the respective school or college of pharmacy upon graduation.

POLICY STATEMENT: Additional 300 Intern Hours for Washington Pharmacy Students
Washington state pharmacy students will continue to report three-hundred (300) hours of non-curriculum based practice experience to the Commission. Students will report the three-hundred (300) hours earned in Washington or another state using the Preceptor Evaluation and Certification of Experience form and the Intern Site Evaluation form.

POLICY STATEMENT: Intern Hours Required by Foreign Trained Pharmacist
A graduate of a foreign pharmacy school or university or a graduate of a Canadian school of pharmacy is required to receive certification from the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee and must earn intern hours in the United States prior to licensure. The number of hours required is based on the score received on the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination using the schedule below:
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Before earning hours, a foreign-trained pharmacist must hold a Washington State pharmacist intern registration. Internship hours are reported to the Commission using the *Preceptor Evaluation and Certification of Experience* form and the *Intern Site Evaluation* form.

**POLICY STATEMENT: Foreign Trained Pharmacist enrolled or graduate of an ACPE PharmD Program**

A foreign-trained pharmacist enrolled in a college or school of pharmacy accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education is not required to provide a FPGEC certificate or take and pass the FPGEE as it applies to an intern registration. In addition the conferred PharmD degree meets the educational requirements for application for pharmacist license by examination. The required number of hours and reporting process mirrors those required for licensure by examination. Qualifying internship hours must be earned under in a state or territory of the United States.

**POLICY STATEMENT: Foreign Students as Interns**

A person attending a foreign pharmacy school who desires to come to Washington to gain practical experience must have approval of the commission prior to registration as an intern. Hours worked while an intern under this special commission allowance will not count towards any subsequent internship requirement should the intern decide to become a pharmacist in Washington using Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee certification.

At a minimum, the following must be submitted to the commission for review:

1. Name and educational background of prospective intern,
2. Reason for wanting Washington internship experience,
3. Name of pharmacist to be supervising internship,
4. Length of internship and pharmacy(ies) to be training sites, and
5. Detailed information as to what the intern will be expected to do, e.g., observation, filling prescriptions, hospital rounds, etc.

This policy is effective until the rule or this policy is amended or vacated.