

December 10, 2024

To OPS Approved Psilocybin Training Programs,

In November 2024, new and updated administrative rules were adopted and will go into effect on January 1, 2025. This letter describes some of the important changes related to training programs. For a complete description of new and updated rules, please read the [2024 OPS Rules with Tracked Changes](#).

New Term Limits and Curriculum Approval Requirements

Beginning January 1, 2025, the term for training program approval has been changed from five years to one year. This change is not retroactive. For applications approved prior to January 1, 2025, training program curriculum approval still has a term of five years from the date of initial approval.

For all new or renewal applications approved on or after January 1, 2025, training program approval has a term of one year from the date of initial approval and includes paying an annual \$500 non-refundable application fee. This requirement aligns with requirements for training programs subject to regulation by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

Beginning September 1, 2025, at least one instructor at a training program must hold a valid facilitator license in order for the training program to be approved or reapproved. Beginning January 1, 2026, training programs must register with the Oregon Secretary of State and maintain registration, including registration of an Assumed Business Name (ABN) if applicable that is used as an operational name.

Changes in Curriculum Requirements

The new rules expand the minimum training hours in the core curriculum requirements to include an increase of 8 additional hours devoted to pharmacology, neuroscience, and clinical research. For new applications and renewals received on or after January 1, 2025, training programs will now need to provide 12 hours of instruction on 'Psilocybin Pharmacology, Neuroscience and Clinical Research', for a total of 128 hours of core training.

Beginning January 1, 2025, all training programs must make a summary of their approved curriculum, including practicum sites, available to prospective students prior to enrollment.

Changes in Practicum Requirements

Beginning January 1, 2026, all practicums must take place at a licensed service center in Oregon acting as a practicum site. Until January 1, 2026, if a practicum site is not reasonably available or accessible to students, a training program may identify alternative practicum in its application for approval that reasonably approximates training at a practicum site. Alternative practicum may not be used to satisfy practicum requirements after January 1, 2026.

A training program may provide students up to four hours of credit towards the direct practice requirement for participating in an administration session at a practicum site as a client. Students who consume psilocybin during practicum are considered clients and licensees must comply with all rules when selling psilocybin products and providing psilocybin services to clients who are also students.

A 'Practicum Site Supervisor' is now defined as the onsite practicum supervisor of assigned trainees, who is affiliated with a training program practicum site or who is affiliated with a service center acting as a practicum site and who does not act as a facilitator while supervising students. If a practicum site supervisor is affiliated with a practicum site rather than affiliated with a training program, the service center must share the name of the

practicum site supervisor with OPS, prior to students participating in practicum at the practicum site.

Expanded practicum rules allow licensed service centers in Oregon to function as practicum sites not only for training programs approved in Oregon, but for any training program authorized to provide psilocybin training in the United States.

How to Surrender Approval

Training programs that cease enrolling students or cease offering instruction to enrolled students must provide written notice. The training program's curriculum approval remains in effect until OPS accepts the surrender. If OPS accepts the surrender, we will notify the training programs in writing of the date of acceptance. On or before the date of their surrender, the training program must notify any enrolled students that their curriculum is no longer approved by the Authority.

New Continuing Facilitator Education Requirement

Beginning January 1, 2026, facilitator licensees must have completed four hours of continuing education during their annual license period. The continuing education must consist of skills and knowledge that are relevant to the core curriculum and must be provided by either:

- (a) Training programs with curricula approved by the Authority, or
- (b) Organizations or conferences that have been approved to offer continuing education for other types of professional licenses or certifications.

As part of their renewal application, licensed facilitators will need to be able to provide documentation that describes the education received, who provided the training, and number of hours completed. This can be achieved by providing students with a certificate of completion or other documentation that provides proof of registration and attendance.

More information will be provided on the [Training Program Information page](#) in January.

Thank you for your partnership in the continued administration of the nation's first regulatory framework for psilocybin services. We appreciate your partnership.

Sincerely,
The Oregon Psilocybin Services Section

