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RULES:

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AMEND: 855-135-0001

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RULE SUMMARY: Adds continuing veterinary medical education (CVME) approved by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards Registry of Approved Continuing Education (AAVSB-RACE) as a medical program to CPE Definitions.

CHANGES TO RULE:

855-135-0001

Continuing Pharmacy Education: Definitions

(1) "Accredited program" means a structured continuing pharmacy education (CPE) program which has been reviewed and approved by a provider of ~~ε~~;¶

(a) Continuing pharmacy education that is accredited by the Accreditation Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) (v. 046/021/2024) or ε2);¶

(b) Continuing medical education (CME) accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) or an ACCME-recognized State Medical Society (v. 036/20242) as an American Medical Association (AMA) Category 1 CME program; or¶

(c) Continuing veterinary medical education (CVME) approved by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards Registry of Approved Continuing Education (AAVSB-RACE) as a medical program.¶

(2) "Board-approved program" means a structured continuing pharmacy education program which has been reviewed and approved by the board.¶

(3) "Certificate of completion" means a certificate or other official document issued to a participant certifying the successful completion of a continuing pharmacy education program.¶

(4) "Continuing Pharmacy Education" or "CPE" means an accredited or board-approved program designed to support the continuing development of Pharmacists, Interns, Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technicians or Pharmacy Technicians to maintain and enhance their competence applicable to the practice of pharmacy or the assistance of the practice of pharmacy. ¶

(5) "Contact hour" means sixty minutes of continuing pharmacy education. ¶

- (6) "CPE Monitor" means the electronic tracking service of the ACPE and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) for monitoring continuing pharmacy education that Pharmacists, Interns, Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacy Technicians receive from participating providers;¶¶
- (7) "Cultural competence" means the lifelong process of examining the values and beliefs and developing and applying an inclusive approach to health care practice in a manner that recognizes the content and complexities of provider-patient communication and interaction and preserves the dignity of individuals, families, and communities.¶¶
- (a) Cultural competence applies to all patients.¶¶
- (b) Culturally competent providers do not make assumptions on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived abilities, disabilities or traits whether inherent, genetic or developmental including: race, color, spiritual beliefs, creed, age, tribal affiliation, national origin, immigration or refugee status, marital status, socio-economic status, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, gender transition status, level of formal education, physical or mental disability, medical condition or any consideration recognized under federal, state and local law.¶¶
- (8) "Medication error prevention" means the prevention of events that may cause or lead to inappropriate medication use or patient harm, while the medication is in the control of the healthcare professional, patient, or consumer. ¶¶
- (9) "Patient safety" means the prevention of healthcare related errors or the elimination or mitigation of patient injury caused by healthcare related errors. ¶¶
- (10) "Pain management education program" means a specific one-hour web-based program developed by the Pain Management Commission of the Oregon Health Authority.¶¶
- (11) "Pharmacy law" means the body of laws relating to pharmacy practice.¶¶
- (12) "Structured continuing pharmacy education" or "Structured CPE" means education that includes defined learning objectives, qualified instructors, learning assessment, and a program evaluation.¶¶
- ~~Publications: Publications referenced are available for review at the agency.~~
- Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 689.205, ORS 676.850
- Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 413.450, ORS 413.590, ORS 689.255, ORS 689.285, ORS 689.486, ORS 689.490

AMEND: 855-135-0010

NOTICE FILED DATE: 06/20/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Adds AAVSB-RACE approved medical programs to general requirements when calculating CPE credit requirements. The Board reviewed a request regarding limited access to continuing pharmacy education relevant to veterinary pharmacy CPE during the April 2024 board meeting and discussed the proposed rule amendment during the June 2024 board meeting.

CHANGES TO RULE:

855-135-0010

Continuing Pharmacy Education Programs: General Requirements

(1) CPE programs must consist of subject matter pertinent to pharmacy including:¶

- (a) Socioeconomic aspects of healthcare; ¶
- (b) Legal aspects of healthcare;¶
- (c) Properties and actions of drugs and dosage forms;¶
- (d) Etiology, characteristics, therapeutics, and prevention of disease states; or¶
- (e) General topics related to pharmacy.¶

(2) Time spent in the following activities may be included in the calculation of CPE credit:¶

- (a) A program delivered by an instructor or a panel of instructors; ¶
- (b) A structured CPE discussion, workshop or demonstration;¶
- (c) A structured CPE question and answer session; ¶
- (d) An ACPE accredited program or board-approved program; ¶
- (e) An ACCME AMA Category 1 accredited program or AAVSB-RACE approved medical program up to the following limits per renewal cycle:¶
  - (A) 10 hours of CPE for Pharmacists;¶
  - (B) 6 hours of CPE for Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacy Technicians.¶
- (f) A policy discussion at an Oregon Board of Pharmacy meeting up to a maximum of 2 hours of law CPE per renewal cycle.¶

(3) Time spent in the following activities must not be included in the calculation of CPE credit:¶

- (a) Welcoming remarks;¶
- (b) Meals or social functions;¶
- (c) Business sessions (e.g. voting, treasury report, strategic plan);¶
- (d) Unstructured discussion, workshops, and demonstrations;¶
- (e) Unstructured question and answer sessions;¶
- (f) Degree programs;¶
- (g) Non-ACPE approved certificate programs;¶
- (h) Licensing or certification examinations;¶
- (i) Skills training programs; ¶
- (j) Software training programs;¶
- (k) Learning assessments; ¶
- (l) Program evaluations; and¶
- (m) Attending CPE programs for which credit was not granted by the provider.¶

(4) For each accredited or board-approved program, the licensee must retain a certificate of completion for each completed program that includes:¶

- (a) Licensee name;¶
- (b) Title, activity date, and activity number of the program;¶
- (c) Topic designation (e.g. law, patient safety, pain);¶
- (d) Name of the program provider;¶
- (e) Number of contact hours earned by topic designation; and¶
- (f) Statement of credit granted to the participant.¶

(5) For each accredited or board-approved program, the licensee must ensure that licensee program completion CPE credit was recorded in the CPE Monitor or a certificate of completion is uploaded to the licensee's electronic licensing record with the board prior to submission of the license renewal.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 689.205

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 689.255, ORES 689.285, ORS 689.490