



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF PHARMACY

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Contact the Board! All inquiries regarding licensure and general information should be directed to Ms Karin Barron, health licensing specialist, at karin.barron@dc.gov.

To contact the Board directly, visit its [website](#). Should you need to contact the Pharmaceutical Control Division, its website is dchealth.dc.gov/pcd.

Notice of Board Meeting Schedule

The Board holds open (public) session meetings in the even-numbered months of the year, ie, February, April, June, August, October,

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and December. In these months, the meetings will begin at 9:30 AM. These meetings are open to the public, including licensed pharmacists, where parties may share their comments pertaining to Board activities. All are invited to attend.

In the odd-numbered months of the year, ie, January, March, May, July, September, and November, the Board may meet in subcommittees and/or hold executive (closed) session meetings as needed. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code §2-575(b), and for the purposes set forth therein, these meetings are not open to the public.

The Board will now transition to a hybrid schedule, meaning that quarterly Board meetings will be held in person. The public can still attend virtually via the Webex link after registration.

Future in-person meeting dates are:

- Thursday, April 6, 2023 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, June 1, 2023 – 9:30 AM

Future open session meeting dates are:

- Thursday, April 6, 2023 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, June 1, 2023 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, August 3, 2023 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, October 5, 2023 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, December 7, 2023 – 9:30 AM

Board Licensees by the Numbers

Licensees as of December 22, 2022	
Pharmacists	2,231
Pharmacist Vaccination & Immunization Authority	828
Pharmacy Interns	407
Pharmacy Technicians	1,144
Pharmacy Technician Trainees	178
Pharmacy Technician Programs	9
Pharmaceutical Detailers	654

NABP/AACP Districts 1 & 2 Meeting Update

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® (NABP®)/American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP) Districts 1 & 2 Meeting was held in picturesque Newport, RI, on October 5-7, 2022. State board of pharmacy and college of pharmacy representatives from Maine to Virginia were in attendance; District of Columbia’s delegation included Drs Allison Hill and Reginal

Bellamy. The purpose of the NABP/AACP District Meetings is to convene regional pharmacy stakeholders for updates on regulatory, educational, and practice of pharmacy issues. Session topics included Expanding the Pharmacist's Role in the Opioid Overdose Public Health Emergency, Transforming Your Leadership Style During Times of Uncertainty, Risks of Buying Drugs Online, and Pharmacy Wellbeing: A Prescription for Solutions. Trending topics, such as the future of the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination®, expanding the role of technicians, and telepharmacy, encouraged discussions on how future practice should be shaped. District 1, led by the University of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy, planned exciting excursions for attendees involving the Newport Ghost Tour, Newport Mansion Tour, and dinner at the International Tennis Hall of Fame. Overall, the meeting was informative, collaborative, and productive. District 2 will host next year's meeting in Atlantic City, NJ. For more information about NABP District 2, visit <https://nabpdistrict2.org>.

DC License Renewal for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians

The [License Renewal Portal](#) is now open, and the deadline to renew is February 28, 2023. The pharmacist renewal fee is \$310, and pharmacists are required to complete a minimum of 40 contact hours of continuing education (CE) in approved programs during the period from March 1, 2021, through February 28, 2023. CE credits must include the following:

- At least two hours in medication/dispensing errors
- At least two hours in cultural competency or specialized clinical training focusing on patients or clients who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender nonconforming, queer, or question their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression (LGBTQ)
- At least 10% of the total required CE shall be in the subjects determined by the director of the Department of Health (director) as [public health priorities](#) of the District every five years or less frequently as deemed appropriate by the director, with notice of the subject matter published in the *DC Register*
- At least 10 live CE hours

Pharmacists will be required to submit their NABP e-Profile® number during the renewal process, and they must also be registered for the [District's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program](#). To register for an e-Profile, visit <https://dashboard.nabp.pharmacy>.

Pharmacists with certification to administer immunizations and vaccinations are required to maintain current certification in CPR for health care providers and complete two hours of CE relevant to the administration of immunizations and vaccinations. There is an additional \$50 fee required for vaccination and immunization certification.

The pharmacy technician renewal fee is \$50, and pharmacy technicians are required to complete a minimum of 20 contact hours of CE in approved programs during the period from March 1, 2021, through February 28, 2023. CE credits must include the following:

- At least two contact hours in pharmacy law
- At least two contact hours in medication safety
- At least two hours in cultural competency or specialized clinical training focusing on patients or clients who identify as LGBTQ
- At least 10% of the total required CE shall be in the subjects determined by the director as **public health priorities** of the District every five years or less frequently as deemed appropriate by the director, with notice of the subject matter published in the *DC Register*

Please note that the CE requirements do not apply to pharmacists or pharmacy technicians renewing their licenses for the first time.

Photos Captured During American Pharmacists Month



Juan Medrano, a pharmacist at Giant Pharmacy in DC and president of the Washington DC Pharmacy Association, submitted photos in celebration of American Pharmacists Month!

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