

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF PHARMACY
POLICY ON CONTINUING EDUCATION VIOLATIONS**

The Tennessee Board of Pharmacy (“Board”) requires each licensed pharmacist to successfully complete thirty (30) hours of continuing pharmaceutical education (“CPE”) during each two (2) year license cycle. The required thirty (30) hours shall consist of at least fifteen (15) hours obtained through live contract programs. Failure to comply with the continuing education requirement may result in disciplinary action. Tenn. Comp. R. & Reg. 1140-05-.01(1).

If a CPE audit of a licensed pharmacist reveals deficient CPE hours, the Board’s administrative office shall immediately issue an Agreed Citation to the licensed pharmacist at the address of record on file with the Board. The Agreed Citation shall require payment of a two-hundred fifty-dollar (\$250) civil penalty and completion of all deficient CPE hours with documented proof submitted to the Board’s administrative office. The return of a signed Agreed Citation to the Board’s administrative office, the payment of the civil penalty, and the submission of documented proof of completion of the deficient CPE hours shall all occur within ninety (90) days from the date of mailing the Agreed Citation.

Licensed pharmacist found to be in non-compliance with continuing education requirements cannot use continuing education credit hours submitted for past deficient hours for current continuing education compliance.

Notice of and discipline for CPE deficiency will be assessed by the Board’s administrative office via Agreed Citation, which will detail the licensed pharmacist’s rights and obligations under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. Section 4-5-301, et seq. The discipline assessed in accordance with this continuing education policy constitutes formal discipline against a licensed pharmacist’s license, and as such it is reportable to the disciplinary databanks and will be noted on the licensed pharmacist’s licensure profile.

If such licensed pharmacist fails return a signed Agreed Citation, fails to pay the civil penalty, and/or fails to demonstrate that he or she has cured the CPE deficiency within the ninety- (90) day cure period, the Board’s administrative office will open a licensure complaint and the licensed pharmacist shall be prosecuted in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. Section 4-5-301, et seq.

Adopted by the Board of Pharmacy on the 7th day of May, 2024, to take effect on July 1, 2024.