

Senior Professional and Technical Examination for Pharmacists—Internship Accreditation Criteria

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The criteria is applicable for candidates graduated after June 1, 2013. Internship subjects, responsibilities, and minimum duration, internship sites, and make-up internship are stipulated as follows:

I. Internship Subjects, Responsibilities, and Minimum Duration

Subjects	Responsibilities	Minimum Duration
Dispensing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receiving prescriptions 2. Checking and filling prescriptions 3. Dispensing medications 4. Documentation and record keeping 5. Ensuring correct packaging, dilution, and preparation of medicines 	<p>6 weeks (240 hours)</p>
Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Storage and inventory management 2. Controlled drug management 3. National Health Insurance procedures 4. Inventory management principles 	<p>1 week (40 hours)</p>
Consulting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Counseling patients regarding proper use of medication 2. Providing well-grounded opinions 	<p>2 weeks (80 hours)</p>
Clinical Pharmaceutical Service	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pharmaceutical care knowledge 2. Communication skills: medical care professionals 3. Communication skills: patients 4. Verifying prescriptions (including use of medications, dosage, medication period, administration methods, drug interactions, safety, and drug incompatibility) 5. Advising medical care professionals 6. Learning to supervise medication outcomes 7. Learning to detect, evaluate, and report adverse reactions and medication errors 8. Giving medication instructions to patients 	<p>2 weeks (80 hours)</p>

Subjects	Responsibilities	Minimum Duration
	9. Participating in prescription case studies	
Overall Internship Duration	The minimum total duration for all subjects is 11 weeks (440 hours). Additional weeks (hours) may be required depending on the actual needs in order to meet the required internship duration of 16 weeks (640 hours).	16 weeks (640 hours)

- II. Internship site: Internship sites must be hospitals which have been recognized as qualified by Ministry of Health and Welfare. Although dispensing, management, consulting, and clinical pharmaceutical service are different aspects of the practice of pharmacy, they cannot be segmented as independent fields. Rather, they should be combined in one internship program. Applicants should complete all internship subjects at one hospital.
- III. Requirements for make-up internship: For test takers whose internship did not cover all required fields or falls short of time requirements, make-up programs may be arranged by medical schools or the test taker may contact any of the recognized hospitals for a make-up internship. Internship sites should provide documents proving the test taker has completed the required internship.
- IV. Format for internship and catch-up internship certificates is stipulated by MOEX in Appendixes 1 and 2.