

Vaccine Administration Training for Pharmacy Technicians



The Colorado Pharmacists Society (CPS) is pleased to partner with The Washington State Pharmacy Association (WSPA) to offer the WSPA Technician Immunization Administration course. This course is designed specifically to train pharmacy technicians to administer immunizations. This didactic and live, hands on training is HHS and Board of Pharmacy compliant, ACPE accredited, will allow technicians to vaccinate under current State Board of Pharmacy rules, and counts toward advanced technician certification with PTCB. See below for Colorado FAQs.

Part 1 - Vaccine Principles for Pharmacy Technicians

Faculty: Jenny Arnold, Pharm.D., BCPS, Director of Pharmacy Practice Development, Washington State Pharmacy Association
ACPE UAN: 0130-0000-20-412-H06-T | 6.5 hours home study | Initial release date 10/27/2020 | Expiration date 10/27/2023
Activity Type: Knowledge

Participants will use LecturePanda, an on-demand education portal, to complete 3 CDC trainings and watch a recorded lecture. The trainings are: Understanding the Basics: General Best Practice Guidelines on Immunization, Vaccine Administration, and Vaccine Storage and Handling. The recorded lecture covers how to establish an immunization program in your pharmacy, protocols, documentation forms, updated guidelines, vaccine storage and handling, workflow tips, and administration. Participants will take an exam at the end of each training and must have a minimum score of 70% correct responses in order to receive credit. The CE will upload to the CPE Monitor within 2-4 days after successfully completing this activity.

At the completion of this activity, the technician will be able to:

- Describe the principles of immunity
- Discuss appropriate vaccine storage and handling
- Describe the principles of vaccine administration
- Establish a vaccination service
- Identify vaccine adverse readings
- Discuss the importance of Health care provider vaccinations
- Identify tool, guidelines, and laws for vaccination
- Identify indications for immunizations based on ACIP guidelines

Part 2 - Vaccinating Adults & Adolescents: Discussion Session

Faculty: Jenny Arnold, Pharm.D., BCPS, Director of Pharmacy Practice Development, Washington State Pharmacy Association
ACPE UAN 0130-0000-20-442-L06-T | 1 hr. CPE | Release Date: 11/30/2020 | Expiration Date: 11/30/2023
Activity Type: Application

Participants must complete Part 1 before attending a live webinar where there will be discussion on immunization and participants will have an opportunity to ask questions, they may have from their training in Part 1. A code will be supplied during the webinar where the participant will enter it into their Vaccinating LecturePantda profile. They will also be required to submit an evaluation in LecturePanda. The CE will upload to the CPE Monitor within 2-4 days after successfully completing this activity.

At the completion of this activity, the technician will be able to:

- Discuss best practices for immunizations
- Administer subcutaneous and intramuscular injection technique

Part 3 - Practice Injection Attestation Form and CPR Certification Proof (No CE, external- on your own)

You must submit a practice injection attestation form (credit for this is received through part 2). This can be signed off by an immunizing pharmacist the participants knows or arrange training through their state association. Participants must have a current adult CPR card. CPR training is not included in this training. If a participant's CPR card is not up to date, please complete CPR training and provide proof of CPR certification. Online CPR training is valid. Participants should send a copy of their current CPR card and attestation form to askwspa@wsparx.org.

WSPA Immunization Certificate of Completion: In order to receive a certificate of completion for the Immunization training program, participants **must successfully complete all 3 parts**. Participants must notify WSPA once they have completed all 3 parts. WSPA staff will provide participants with a code to verify completion of Part 3, which will allow participants to print a Certificate of Completion through LecturePanda.



The Washington State Pharmacy Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education.

Frequently asked Questions for Colorado Pharmacy Professionals

How do I (a pharmacy technician) register for this course? How much does it cost?

Its easy! Using this [registration link](#) and the Code “STRONGERTOGETHER” you can take advantage of a CPS member discount price of \$175. Without this CPS code, the usual cost is \$275. After registration, WSPA will coordinate from there! Information and links are also found on the CPS website www.copharm.org.

Is pharmacy technician immunization administration temporarily or permanently allowed in CO?

Yes! As it stands as of 12/1/2020 the [emergency rules](#) to align with the [HHS guidance](#) are in place but temporary. Subsequently, the same rules were made permanent as part of Rule 19.01.00 at the January 21, 2021 [Colorado State Board of Pharmacy](#) permanent rule making hearing. The temporary authorization will hold until the permanent rules are enacted in March 2021.

Does my CPR/BLS requirement have to be in-person course?

Current basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification is required by State Board Rule and for this course completion. Board rules require this certification to be “issued by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross or a basic cardiac life support certification.” If the training results in “certification”, it can be completed virtually. This needs to be completed on your own and is a requirement for ultimate certification in immunization administration. CPS does not endorse any programs.

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Is national certification required for a technician to complete the training? To immunize?

Technicians in CO must all be certified (or provisionally certified) by the Board (which includes national certification) to practice in the state of CO, however, there are no specific requirements to enroll or complete the training for those who are in this process.

How long do you have to complete Part 3 practice injection assessment? That’s up to you! You will not receive your certification showing completion of this training until all parts are completed along with your evidence of CPR.

How do I arrange Part 3 training if I do not know a certified immunizing pharmacist for the assessment? CPS will assist you in finding a pharmacist to oversee your administration demonstration and attestation. You can contact us for help (see below).

How do I join CPS as a technician?

We value our tech members! Its easy- just visit our [membership webpage](#). Make sure if you are a technician that you join our [Academy of Pharmacy Technicians](#) to join your peers in networking, education, advocacy, and more!

Other general questions and contact information: admin@copharm.org or to Executive Director [Emily Zadvorny](#).

