PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.320)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Health- Board of Pharmacy

☒ **Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR** 11-17-101 **; or**
☐ **Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _ ; or**
☐ **Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).**

☒ **Original Notice**
☐ **Supplemental Notice to WSR**
☐ **Continuance of WSR**

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject)
WAC 246-901-061, Pharmacy Technician Certification. Adding new rules to establish continuing education (CE) requirements for pharmacy technicians.

Hearing location(s): Highline Community College
Mt. Constance (Building 8)
2400 S. 240th St.
Des Moines, WA 98198

Date: 06/07/2012 Time: 3:00 p.m.

Submit written comments to:
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Website: http://www3.doh.wa.gov/policyreview/
fax 360-236-2901 by (date) 06/01/2012

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact
Kitty Slater-Einert by 05/30/2012
TTY (800) 833-6388 or () 711

Date of intended adoption: 06/07/2012
(Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The proposed rule requires pharmacy technicians to complete 10 hours of continuing education (CE) or 1.0 CE unit annually. One hour must be in pharmacy law and the remaining nine hours must be in pharmacy technician related education. The proposed rule mirrors the national CE standards for pharmacy technicians set by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board and the Institute for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians.

Reasons supporting proposal:
HB 1353 (2011) requires the Board of Pharmacy (BOP) to develop rules to establish continuing education (CE) requirements for pharmacy technicians. Requiring pharmacy technicians to obtain CE to maintain a credential will ensure they stay current with professional practice standards.

Statutory authority for adoption:
RCW.18.64A.020

Statute being implemented:
RCW 18.64A.020 as amended by HB1353 (2011)

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Federal Court Decision?	☐ Yes	☒ No
State Court Decision?	☐ Yes	☒ No

If yes, CITATION:

DATE 5/2/12

NAME (type or print)
Steve Saxe

SIGNATURE

TITLE
Interim Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy

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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

None

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Washington State Board of Pharmacy

☐ Private
☐ Public
☒ Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

☐ Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:
Name:
Address:

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☒ No. Explain why no statement was prepared.
A small business economic impact statement was not prepared. The proposed rule would not impose more than minor costs on businesses in an industry.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

☒ Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:
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☐ No: Please explain:

NEW SECTION

WAC 246-901-061 Pharmacy technician--Continuing education requirements. (1) A pharmacy technician certified under this chapter shall complete a minimum of ten continuing education (CE) hours or 1.0 continuing education unit (CEU) every renewal cycle following their first certification renewal. One contact hour equals 0.1 CEU.

(2) For each renewal cycle, continuing education must include:

(a) A minimum of one hour of course work in pharmacy law; and

(b) Nine hours in any course work that relates to pharmacy practice.

(3) Approved continuing education credits must be earned through a board approved continuing education program or course. Board approved continuing education includes:

(a) Courses and programs that are accredited or approved by the Accreditation Council of Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE).

(b) Courses and programs as established in WAC 246-861-050, that have been submitted by a pharmacist and approved by the board of pharmacy for purposes of pharmacist education. The course or program must be submitted on a form provided by the board and the course work must be directly related to the scope of practice of a pharmacy technician.

(4) A pharmacy technician must obtain a certificate of participation from a board-approved continuing education provider for each course completed. The certificate must be kept for a minimum of four years from the date of course completion. The certificate must contain:

(a) The participant's name;

(b) Course title;

(c) Course date; and

(d) The number of continuing education hours or CEUs.

(5) In lieu of a certificate of participation, approved courses can be verified through the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) central repository of continuing pharmacy education CPE monitoring system.

(6) Continuing education hours or CEUs may not be carried over from one reporting cycle to another.

(7) A pharmacy technician may request to be excused from meeting the continuing education requirements if the inability to satisfy the requirements was due to extenuating circumstances. The board determines if the requirement can be waived.