

Pharmacy-Based Immunization Administration by Pharmacy Technicians: Offered through the American Pharmacists Association

Title – ***APhA’s Pharmacy-Based Immunization Administration by Pharmacy Technicians***

Date and Time of CE Activity – **July 11th, 2024, at 12-4pm ET**

Location, including city and state – **Via Zoom**

Overview – Originally developed by Washington State University (WSU) and recently revised through a partnership between WSU and the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), the APhA/WSU Pharmacy-Based Immunization Administration by Pharmacy Technicians training program explores the expanding role of the pharmacy technician by providing additional skills training to administer immunizations. This two-part program emphasizes a health care team collaboration between pharmacists and technicians which seeks to improve population health by increasing immunization rates in states that allow technicians to immunize.

Target Audience – This activity is primarily intended for pharmacy technicians from all practice settings. No prerequisites required.

***Requirements:** Please read the requirements to completion before signing up.

Injection technique assessment –

- You are responsible for identifying a healthcare professional who can evaluate your technique within a week or two of the live seminar.
 - Requirements to serve as the evaluator:
 - Your evaluator can be anyone who has the current scope of practice to immunize (e.g, a trained pharmacist, a nurse, etc.).
 - Must assess based on the technique taught in class.
 - Must have had OSHA training for bloodborne pathogens within the last year.
 - Learners cannot assess themselves or fellow learners.
- Your evaluator must observe you successfully give another person **one intramuscular and one subcutaneous injection** and **complete the Injection Technique Assessment Form** (instructions and form will be provided at the conclusion of the live seminar)

- You will need to acquire the assessment supplies on your own which include the following:
 - Gloves (minimum 1 pair) & mask
 - 1 mL or 3 mL x 25G x 1 inch safety syringes for intramuscular injections (minimum 2)
 - 1 mL or 3 mL x 25G x 5/8-inch safety syringes for subcutaneous injections (minimum 1)
 - Band-aids (minimum 3)
 - Alcohol swabs (minimum 4)
 - Cotton balls or gauze pads (minimum 3)
 - Sodium chloride 0.9%, preservative free, single dose vial, 10 mL or smaller (minimum 1)
 - Sharps container (1)
 - Screening questions worksheet – will provide pdf.
 - Influenza Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) – will provide pdf.
- Completed and signed forms must be returned to the program coordinator by **July 25, 2024**. If additional time is needed, please let your instructor know.

Attendance, final exam, and evaluation – After attending the live session, you will be provided instructions with the injection technique assessment form. Upon successful completion of the injection technique assessment, you will upload the Injection Technique Assessment Form to the APhA learning management system. Once your form is reviewed and verified for accuracy and completion, you will receive access to the final exam and live seminar evaluation. Once the exam and evaluation are completed, you can claim credit and access your certificate of achievement. These steps must be completed by **September 5, 2024**.

Learning Objectives –

Following completion of this activity, the participant should be able to:

Pharmacy Technicians:

Self-Study Learning Objectives:

- Describe proper technique when drawing up and administering immunizations
- Recognize commonly used vaccines and their corresponding routes of administration
- Distinguish proper needle length selection based on vaccine and patient age and size
- Identify proper documentation procedures

- Recall vaccine storage requirements
- Describe safety measures to avoid accidental needle stick injuries
- Recognize appropriate actions to take in emergency situations

Live Seminar Learning Objectives:

- Demonstrate a successful technique when administering an intramuscular and subcutaneous injection.
- Demonstrate appropriate distraction techniques during immunization administration.
- Demonstrate the use of universal precautions as they pertain to blood borne pathogens
- Explain the procedures for managing a vaccine reaction emergency

Type of Activity: Practice-based

Fee Information: There is a registration fee of \$325 per participant (technician).