

Standard 3: Continuing Pharmacy Education Activities

The provider must structure each CPE activity to meet the knowledge-, application- and/or practice-based educational needs of pharmacists and technicians.

Guidance:

Knowledge-based CPE activity. These CPE activities should be designed primarily for pharmacists and technicians to acquire factual knowledge. This information must be based on evidence as accepted in the literature by the health care professions. The minimum credit for these activities is 15 minutes or 0.25 contact hour.

Application-based CPE activity. These CPE activities should be designed primarily for pharmacists and technicians to apply the information learned in the time frame allotted. The information must be based on evidence as accepted in the literature by the health care professions. The minimum credit for these activities is 60 minutes or one contact hour.

Certificate program. These CPE activities should be designed primarily for pharmacists and technicians to systematically acquire specific knowledge, skills, attitudes, and performance behaviors that expand or enhance practice competencies. The information within the certificate program must be based on evidence as accepted in the literature by the health care professions. The formats of these CPE activities should include a didactic component and a practice component. The minimum credit for these activities is 15 contact hours.

Providers are not required to offer all three activity types. The CPE activities should be consistent with the provider's mission and appropriate to meet the identified pharmacist and technician needs.

Providers are encouraged to *guide* pharmacists and technicians to the best combination of CPE activities to meet their practice needs.