

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, and will allow technicians to vaccinate under current State Board of Pharmacy rules. See below for Colorado FAQs.

Part 1: Vaccine Principles for Pharmacy Technicians

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Videos 002 - 005 Faculty: Tina Objio, RN, MSN, MHA, CDR, U.S. Public Health Service, Communications and Education Branch (CEB), Immunization Services Division (ISD), National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD), Andrew Kroger, MD, MPH, Medical Officer, CDC/NCIRD, Raymond Strikas, MD, MPH, Medical Officer, CDC/NCIRD, Mark S Freedman, DVM, MPH, Veterinary Medical Officer, Communications and Education Branch (CEB), Immunization Services Division (ISD), National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD), JoEllen Wolicki, BSN, RN Nurse Educator, Communications and Education Branch (CEB), Immunization Services Division (ISD), National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD)

ACPE UAN: 0130-0000-23-580-H06-T | 6.5 hrs CPE | Initial release date: 10/28/2023 | Expiration date: 10/28/2026 | Activity Type: Application

The practicum covers how to establish an immunization program in your pharmacy, collaborative drug therapy agreements, protocols, documentation forms, updated guidelines, vaccine storage and handling, workflow tips, and administration.

Participants will view videos 001 - 005, view the required video link below to on how properly administer a vaccine, and take an exam at the end. A minimum score of 70% correct responses must be received in order to receive credit. If a 70% or better is not achieved, 2 retakes will be allowed. Once the learner has finished with the quiz and evaluation, they will need to click on "submit credits". This will upload the participants CE credits to the CPE monitor within 2-4 days.

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.
- Outline requirements and best practices to establish a vaccination service.
- Distinguish between common and severe vaccine adverse reactions to appropriately manage reactions.
- Discuss the importance of health care provider vaccinations.
- Identify tools, guidelines and laws for vaccination.
- Summarize immunization recommendations based on ACIP guidelines.

Part 2: Vaccinating Adults & Adolescents: Discussion Session

Faculty: Boris Zhang, Pharm.D., Director of Professional Affairs, Washington State Pharmacy Association

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Participants must complete Part 1 before attending a live webinar discussion session on immunization.

Participants are required to attend one 30-minute live discussion session and will be provided the Zoom link and passcode to attend. Learners will have an opportunity to ask questions they may have from their training in Part 1.

A code will be supplied during the webinar. Once the learner has input the code into the date the Discussion Session was attended, they will need to click on "submit credits" which will upload the participants CE credits to the CPE monitor within 2-4 days.

At the completion of this activity, the pharmacist 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)

Participants must complete Part 1 and Part 2 prior to sending in a completed Practice Injection Attestation form & valid CPR certification.

Participants must submit a practice injection attestation form. This can be signed off by an immunizing pharmacist the participants knows, or arrange training through their state association. CE credit is issued through Part 2 (1 hr CPE for 30 min discussion session). The Attestation form can be found under your "files for download" section in the "Materials" tab of your LecturePanda profile – it is labeled as “004_Practice Injection Attestation form”.

Participants must also submit 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 are required to send a copy of their current CPR card and attestation form to askwspa@wsparx.org.

*****Please expect a reply within 5-7 business days containing a code to claim the Attestation & CPR credit*****

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?

Here is the link to register for the Technician Immunization Training: <https://www.lecturepanda.com/a/ImmunizationTechnician>

Here are the full registration instructions:

Your discount code for Technician Immunization is: **STRONGERTOGETHER**

Please go here to register. Once you have clicked on that link, please follow the instructions below:

1. Click on the blue **register** button
2. Continue as a "**non-member**"
3. Choose "**Pharmacy Technician**"
4. Fill out registration information
5. Click the blue **continue** button
6. Directly under the large green price & "**Pharmacy Technician non-member**", it asks you "*Have a receipt code or discount code? Redeem it here.*" This is where you will put in your given code and will drop the pricing from \$275 to **\$175**.

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

As it stands as of 12/1/2020 the **emergency rules** to align with the **HHS guidance** are in place but temporary. The **Colorado State Board of Pharmacy** is considering making these permanent at a December 11, 2020 stakeholder meeting and at the January 21, 2021 permanent rule making hearing. We encourage all stakeholders to weigh in on this issue at these meetings.

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. The Board requires this certification to be “issued by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross or a basic cardiac life support certification.” However, as long as the training results in “certification”, it can be completed virtually. This needs to be identified and completed on your own and is a requirement for ultimate certification in immunization administration.

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:

General questions or help from CPS regarding this training can be directed to admin@copharm.org or to Executive Director [Emily Zadvorny](#).

