



PBI Pharmacy Ethics and Professionalism Course

Facilitated Live, Intensive, Small Group Format
*Remedial and Interventional**

In Joint Providership with the California Accreditation for Pharmacy Education



22 CPE Credit Hours**

***Note:**

This comprehensive course addresses ethical and professional misconduct or transgressions to fulfill educational recommendations or requirements. Course faculty review each participant's pre-course assignment submissions, including referral documentation, to personalize instruction and address specific concerns or practice gaps.

Pharmacists who wish to take the course solely for CPE credit are welcome to enroll.

****Extended Edition - Post-Course Follow-Up:**

The Extended Edition provides a longitudinal educational experience, offering continued accountability and 12 additional credit hours. See page six for details.

Summary

Although all clinicians are at risk for lapses in ethical or professional conduct, some issues are unique to pharmacists. This course was designed by a forensic pharmacist to present these unique topics against a background of other areas of common professional concern. In an intensive two-day curriculum, participants learn about topics such as the legal and regulatory framework in which they function, corresponding responsibility, and a pharmacist-specific professional identity that can predispose to problematic conduct.

The course is facilitated in a highly interactive, small-group format and taught by one primary faculty member who reviews each participant's pre-course assignment submissions. This pre-review allows faculty to be aware of each participant's unique background and cause(s) for referral and use this information to structure and personalize their facilitation of each course. Participants are guided to see where they initially went astray, gain critical insight into why it happened, and are held accountable to prevent future missteps by creating and presenting a Personalized Protection Plan[®]. This novel framework for remediation is known as the PBI Method[®], a process-oriented approach to achieve impactful and lasting educational intervention.

Reasons for Referral

Common reasons for referral to this course include:

- Bending or breaking laws or rules
- Noncompliance with orders/deadlines
- Driving under the influence (DUI/DWI)
- Financial improprieties
- Fraud
- Inappropriate invoicing
- HIPAA or confidentiality violations
- Misrepresentation
- Cheating
- Falsification
- Inaccurate or inappropriate advertising
- Lying or omission of information
- Practicing on an expired license

Course Objectives

Upon completion, participants should be able to:

- Define the concept of professionalism as it relates to pharmacists
- Identify unique risk factors that create legal, regulatory, and risk management issues for pharmacists

- Discuss the important statutes and regulations that govern the practice of pharmacy, how and why they were created, and what boards of pharmacy do to enforce them
- Identify how and why pharmacists enter the legal/regulatory system
- Define the concept of unprofessional and unethical conduct
- Identify and define violation potentials for ethical issues utilizing the Formula©
- Create an individualized Protection Plan to maintain professional ethics and
- safeguard against ethics violations

Faculty

Faculty for this course are selected by PBI and meet the accreditation standards of the California Accreditation for Pharmacy Education.

Pass/Fail Criteria

This interactive course has specific objectives to accomplish within the designated time frame. Participation in discussions is required throughout. To pass and qualify for the CPE credit hours, attendees must be present and participate for the full duration of the course.

Upon conclusion of the course, pass/fail determinations are made on an individual basis, at the discretion of PBI and in accordance with course accreditation standards. Determinations are based on the following:

- Demonstrated understanding of educational content
- Demonstrated ability to achieve the learning objectives
- Compliance with course requirements including submission of pre-course assignments, adherence to participation and engagement standards, and passing the final oral examination at the conclusion of the course (i.e., presentation of a comprehensive Personalized Protection Plan©).

*An additional graded, written final examination can be made available upon request when required by a regulatory agency, board, or college. Requests must be made in writing to PBI Education **prior** to course commencement.*

Post-Course Participation Report

For referring entities interested in additional insight into a professional's participation in a course, an Accomplishments, Impressions, and Recommendations (AIR) Letter can be provided upon request. This letter is designed to expand the referrer's understanding of the attendee's accomplishments of course objectives through their course work, offer individualized faculty impressions of the attendee's participation and interactions during the course, as well as include faculty recommendations, if any, for continuing education, assessments, therapy, or any other resources that they may see as providing opportunities for growth and enhanced remediation.

Requests for AIR Letters should be made in writing in the referral documentation. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Content Timeline

Overview:

The course begins each day at 8:30 AM and concludes each day at 5:00 PM. Lunch and break times may vary as needed. Please make arrangements accordingly.

- Pre-course Assignments: Eight (8) hours of pre-course reading and written assignments submitted prior to the course
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Day One

8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Introduction, Goals, and Objectives

- Check-in and course overview
- Review of protocols and CAPE accreditation
- Faculty financial disclosure and introduction
- Defining the objective and goals for the course

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Fundamentals

- Being a licensed pharmacist - a privilege not a right
- Definition of professionalism
- Enforcement statistics
- Personality traits of pharmacists
- Professional challenges
- Professional risks

10:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Break

10:45 AM to 12:00 PM

Pharmacists and the Legal/Regulatory System

- Branches of law
- Taxonomy of pharmacy law
- Overview of the role of the Board of Pharmacy
- How and why pharmacists get in trouble with the Board of Pharmacy
- Enforcement of pharmacy laws
- Common Reasons for Discipline

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Common Reasons for Discipline (cont'd)

- Diversion of controlled substances
- The controlled substances epidemic and the role of the pharmacist (“Corresponding Responsibility”)

3:00 PM to 3:15 PM

Break

3:15 PM to 5:00 PM

Common Reasons for Discipline (cont'd)

- Compounding violations/illegal manufacturing
- Fraud, waste, and abuse
- Corruption of the supply chain
- Conclusion, takeaway points, and question/answer session

Day Two

8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Introduction

- Review and discussion of day one highlights
- Identifying factors that contribute to professional misjudgments and errors

Practical Ethics and Professionalism

- The relationship between professional boundaries and ethics
- Challenges of staying within the clinical sphere
- Ethical processing and its impact on clinical decision making
 - The slippery slope between appropriate ethical processing and an ethical violation
 - Objective vs. subjective ethical processing / Cold Ethics vs. Hot Ethics
- Utilizing the PBI Formula©: A tool for analyzing a professional’s potential to commit an ethical violation

10:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Break

10:45 AM to 12:00 PM

Learning From Our Individual Journeys

- Class discussions:
 - Taking accountability for past behaviors and decisions, learning from our misjudgments, and moving forward as professionals
 - Processing ethical drifts, crossings, transgressions, and violations
 - Gaining insight into risk factors, personal vulnerabilities, and resistance levels

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Lunch

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Risk Management - Protecting the Public, The Profession, and Yourself

- Identifying the personal risk factors, vulnerabilities, resistances, and catalysts that elevate violation potential and have a negative influence on ethical processing
- The road to recovery and understanding the stages of rehabilitation

A Roadmap for Preventing Ethical Lapses

- Practical do's and don'ts; recognizing early warning signs of potential problems
- Orientation to the PBI Personalized Protection Plan
 - Guidelines for developing a multi-tiered strategic plan outlining realistic protocols to protect patients, the workplace, and the professional from ethics violations
 - Workbook: Outline your Personalized Protection Plan

3:00 PM to 3:15 PM
Break

3:15 PM to 5:00 PM

Personalized Protection Plans© and Final Examination

- Integrating course material and discussion into the creation of a Personalized Protection Plan©
- Final Examination - Case-based discussion and oral presentation of your Personalized Protection Plan© for feedback from classmates and faculty

Extended Edition — Post-Course Follow-Up

Extended Edition Overview:

The Extended Edition includes a longitudinal follow-up component for increased accountability and extended learning. Upon completion of the live portion of the course, participants enrolled in the Extended Edition attend a total of 12 Maintenance and Accountability Seminars. These seminars focus on implementation into practice of the Personalized Protection Plan©, developed in the live course. Through continuous, real-time faculty feedback and peer review, participants' potential for relapse is minimized. [PBI Maintenance and Accountability Seminars](#) consist of weekly, one-hour, faculty-led group teleconference seminars.

The Extended Edition confers a total of 33 Credit Hours (22 for the live course + 12 for post-course follow-up component).

Extended Course Timeline:

1. Upon completion of the live course, Extended Edition participants will submit their Personalized Protection Plan© for faculty review.
2. Extended Edition participants will then select their preferred cohort and begin participation in Maintenance and Accountability Seminars one hour weekly for a total of 12 seminars. Cohorts are scheduled on weekday evenings and are subject to availability. This portion of the course takes approximately 12-14 weeks to complete.
3. Extended Edition participants receive a completion certificate upon finishing the live course and a second completion certificate upon finishing the extended component.

Accreditation Statement

Professional Boundaries, Inc. DBA PBI Education is an accredited provider of continuing education courses for pharmacy professionals under the requirements of California Accreditation for Pharmacy Education and the California Board of Pharmacy. CAPE PROVIDER #217.

Designation Statement

California Accreditation for Pharmacy Education and the California Board of Pharmacy designates these live activities each for a maximum of 22 PRA Category 1 Credits™. Pharmacists should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Disclosure Policy

It is the policy of the California Accreditation for Pharmacy Education and the California Board of Pharmacy to ensure balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor in all CPE activities. Full disclosure of conflicts and conflict resolutions will be made prior to the activity in writing via handout materials, insert, or syllabus.

California Assembly Bill 1195

This activity is in compliance with California Assembly Bill 1195, which requires continuing medical education activities with patient care components to include curriculum in the subjects of cultural and linguistic competency. For specific information regarding Bill 1195 and definitions of cultural and linguistic competency, please visit the CPE website at www.cpha.com/cape.