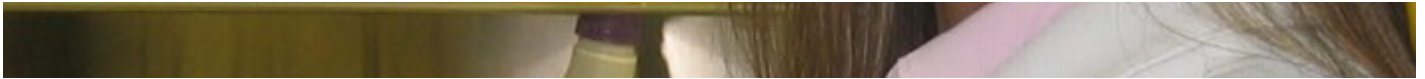




...shouldn't **YOU** Consider
Board Certification in
**ONCOLOGY
PHARMACY?**

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Oncology Pharmacy

Oncology Pharmacy provides evidence-based, patient-centered medication therapy management and direct patient care for individuals with cancer, including treatment assessment and monitoring for potential adverse drug reactions and interactions.

Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ Graduation from a pharmacy program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) or a program outside the U.S. that qualifies the individual to practice in the jurisdiction;
- ▶ A current, active license/registration to practice pharmacy in the U.S. or another jurisdiction;
- ▶ Completion of four (4) years of post-pharmacist licensure practice experience,** including 50% or more of that time spent practicing in the domains described in the Oncology Pharmacy Content Outline; or
- ▶ Completion of a PGY-1 residency* plus two (2) additional years of post-pharmacist licensure practice experience,** including 50% or more of that time spent practicing in the domains described in the Oncology Pharmacy Content Outline; or
- ▶ Completion of a PGY-2 residency* in Oncology Pharmacy; and
- ▶ Achieving a passing score on the BPS Oncology Pharmacy Certification Examination.

**Only residency programs accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) or new residency programs granted Candidate Status for*

Examination Content

- ▶ Domain 1: Pathophysiology and Molecular Biology of Cancer (20% percent of the examination)
- ▶ Domain 2: Therapeutics, Patient Management and Education (38% percent of the examination)
- ▶ Domain 3: Clinical Trials and Research (14% percent of the examination)
- ▶ Domain 4: Practice Management (22% percent of the examination)
- ▶ Domain 5: Public Health (6% percent of the examination)

View the current BPS Oncology Pharmacy Content Outline on the BPS website.

Recertification

Recertification is required every seven (7) years by completing one of the following:

- ▶ Achieving a passing score on the 100-item BPS recertification examination based on the BPS Oncology Pharmacy Content Outline in their seventh year following initial certification; or
- ▶ Earning 100 hours of continuing education credit provided by professional development programs offered by the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) in conjunction with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and/or the Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA).

View the complete BPS Recertification Guide on the BPS website.

Why Are Special Skills Needed?

The BPS Board Certified Oncology Pharmacist has the advanced

Why is BPS Board Certification Important?

As healthcare enters an era of greater accountability, BPS board certification is an important part of the quality assurance process. When considered with other quality assurance indicators, BPS board certification can be used to objectively determine and validate the ability of pharmacists to manage patients with complex or special medication needs.¹

¹ American College of Clinical Pharmacy Position Statement: *"Board Certification of Pharmacist Specialists."* *Pharmacotherapy*, November 2011.

Which Pharmacists Are Uniquely Qualified?

Board certification through BPS is the gold standard for determining which pharmacists are qualified to contribute at advanced practice levels. Through the rigorous examination standards mandated by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties, the BPS board certified pharmacist is uniquely trained and educated to meet the continually expanding expectations of other healthcare team members and specialized needs of the patients they care for.

BPS Certification Benefits

**PEER TO PEER RECOGNITION;
PERSONAL, FINANCIAL ADVANCEMENT**

Differentiate and affirm your knowledge and skills to:

- ▶ Provide more comprehensive and complex care;

- ▶ Improve your standing in a competitive employment market;
- ▶ Experience increased recognition from healthcare professionals; and
- ▶ Enjoy rewards in salary, promotions and new practice

Current BPS Specialties

- ▶ **Ambulatory Care Pharmacy** focuses on the special needs of patients who often administer medications themselves or with the assistance of a caregiver at home.
- ▶ **Cardiology Pharmacy** focuses on disease prevention and treatment, including evidence-based medication use and related care for patients with cardiovascular disease.
- ▶ **Compounded Sterile Preparations Pharmacy** ensures that sterile preparations meet the clinical needs of patients, satisfying quality, safety and environmental control requirements.
- ▶ **Critical Care Pharmacy** specializes in the safe and effective use of medications in critically ill patients.
- ▶ **Emergency Medicine Pharmacy** focuses on rapid assessment to optimize pharmacotherapy, improve patient safety, and increase efficiency and cost-effectiveness of care.
- ▶ **Geriatric Pharmacy** provides pharmaceutical care to the elderly, including wellness, treatment, monitoring and patient safety services.
- ▶ **Infectious Diseases Pharmacy** improves public health by optimizing anti-microbial potential in individual patients and narrowing the resistance trends.
- ▶ **Nuclear Pharmacy** seeks to improve and promote public health through the safe and effective use of radioactive drugs for diagnosis and therapy.
- ▶ **Nutrition Support Pharmacy** addresses the care of

- ▶ **Nutrition Support Pharmacy** addresses the care of patients receiving specialized parenteral or enteral nutrition.
- ▶ **Oncology Pharmacy** targets the needs of patients with various malignant diseases and their complications.
- ▶ **Pediatric Pharmacy** ensures safe and effective drug use

The Board of Pharmacy Specialties® was established in 1976 and exists today as an autonomous division of the American Pharmacists Association. BPS has grown to be the premier post-licensure certification organization serving the pharmacy profession. Its principal responsibilities include:

- ▶ To grant recognition of appropriate pharmacy practice specialties based on criteria established by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties.
- ▶ To establish standards for certification and recertification of pharmacists in recognized pharmacy practice specialties.
- ▶ To grant qualified pharmacists certification and recertification in recognized pharmacy practice specialties.
- ▶ To serve as a coordinating agency and information clearinghouse for organizations and pharmacists in recognized pharmacy practice specialties.
- ▶ To enhance public/consumer protection by developing effective certification programs for specialty practices in pharmacy.





The BPS Oncology Specialty was accredited in 2008 by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). This accreditation is based on BPS having demonstrated compliance with NCCA Standards of Accreditation of Certification Programs. NCCA is the accrediting body of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) and it accredits programs based on rigorous quality standards in the professional certification industry.

"Accreditation by NCCA is an important milestone in BPS' vision to be Pharmacy's premier specialty certification body."

—Terry L. Schwinghammer, PharmD, BCPS

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