

CRITERIA FOR THE RECOGNITION OF A PHARMACY PRACTICE SPECIALTY

CRITERION A

The area of specialization shall be one for which specifically trained practitioners are needed to fulfill the responsibilities of the profession of pharmacy in improving the health and welfare of the public, which responsibilities may not otherwise be effectively fulfilled.

This criterion addresses **NEED**.

BPS defines **NEED** as a condition of requiring supply.

CRITERION B

The area of specialization shall be one in which there exists a significant and clear health demand to provide the necessary public reason for certification.

This criterion emphasizes **DEMAND**.

BPS defines **DEMAND** as a willingness and ability to purchase a commodity or service.

CRITERION C

The area of specialization shall include a reasonable number of individuals who devote most of the time of their practice to the specialty area.

This criterion relates to the **NUMBER** of practitioners and the amount of **TIME** spent in the practice of the specialty.

NOTE: This criterion also helps insure that the expenses connected with the development and administration of the certification and recertification processes will be economically justifiable for the public and the profession.

CRITERION D

The area of specialization shall be based on specialized knowledge of one or more of the pharmaceutical sciences and the biological, physical, behavioral, and administrative sciences which underlie them. Procedural or technical services and the specific environment in which pharmacy is practiced are not applicable to this criterion.

This criterion relates to **SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE**.

CRITERION E

The area of specialization shall represent an identifiable field of pharmacy practice which requires

specialized functioning by the practitioner and which is distinct from other BPS-recognized pharmacy specialties.

This criterion refers to **SPECIALIZED FUNCTIONS**.

CRITERION F

The area of specialization shall be one in which schools and colleges of pharmacy and/or other organizations offer recognized education and training programs to those seeking advanced knowledge and skills in the area of specialty practice.

This criterion addresses **EDUCATION and/or TRAINING**.

CRITERION G

The area of specialization shall be one in which there is an adequate transmission of specialized knowledge through professional, scientific and technical literature immediately related to the specialty area.

This criterion refers to the **TRANSMISSION OF KNOWLEDGE**.