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BPS News and Notes

Practice Examinations Available

BPS has posted brief practice examinations on the BPS website at <https://www.bpsweb.org/practiceexam/>

The Board of Pharmacy Specialties' online practice tests are self-study guides. The objective of these practice tests is to assist pharmacists who are preparing to take the BPS Certification Examination. The practice tests are only one tool to be used in preparation for the certification exam and are not intended to be used as the sole preparation guide for the certification exams. A practice test should be used in conjunction with other study aids and practice experience.

2011 Exam Registration Closes on August 1, New Sites Added

Online registration for the 2011 Board of Pharmacy Specialties examinations is open and can be accessed at <https://www.bpsweb.org/apply/application/index.cfm> the deadline for applications is August 1, and the examination date is October 1. Additional U.S. and international sites have been added this year to accommodate increased demand for BPS certification; the current site list can be viewed at <http://www.bpsweb.org/recertification/sites.cfm>

Web Resources

The following documents are available on the BPS website to answer questions that you may have about Board certification:

2011 Candidate's Guide <http://bpsweb.org/pdfs/CandidatesGuide.pdf>

2011 Recertification Guide http://www.bpsweb.org/pdfs/2011_Recertification_Guide.pdf

Added Qualifications Criteria Clarified

In April, the BPS Board accepted the Pharmacotherapy Specialty Council's recommendations to modify the Added Qualifications criteria requiring applicants for Added Qualifications in Infectious Disease and Cardiology to have at least two years experience after terminal training to be eligible for Added Qualifications. Experience associated with a training program, such as a residency or fellowship, should NOT be included; only those experiences and publications occurring as an independent practitioner over the past 7 years will be considered as part of this application process. Added Qualification Criteria in Cardiology and Infectious Disease can be viewed at <http://bpsweb.org/specialties/qualification.cfm>

Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Designation

The official designation for pharmacists who pass the ambulatory care pharmacy specialty certification exam will be Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist and these pharmacists will carry the initials BCACP. This decision was reached during the April meeting of the BPS Board of Directors.

BPS Issues Call for Members of the Critical Care Pharmacy and Pediatric Pharmacy Practice Analysis Taskforces

During the BPS Board meeting held on April 9, 2011, the Board reviewed the preliminary request to consider two new specialties: Critical Care Pharmacy and Pediatric Pharmacy. BPS will move forward with conducting role delineation studies for each of these proposed specialties. Conducting a role delineation study is a critical step in evaluating a proposed specialty. The purpose of these role delineation studies is to determine whether Critical Care Pharmacy and Pediatric Pharmacy are based upon a specialized knowledge of the pharmaceutical sciences as well as specialized functions routinely performed by practitioners in these proposed specialties.

To begin moving forward with the role delineation studies in Critical Care Pharmacy and Pediatric Pharmacy, BPS will need the following:

- Names and resumes of subject matter experts in the areas of Critical Care Pharmacy and Pediatric Pharmacy; (8 to 10 individuals will be selected to serve on each Practice Analysis Task Force). However, in addition to these Task Forces, additional subject matter experts can assist BPS by participating in a telephone interview, an e-mail-based external review of documents developed by the relevant Task Force, or the pilot test of the related survey. The link to the Call for Nominations is below and self-nominations are welcomed from subject matter experts.

For Critical Care Pharmacy — <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BPSCC>

For Pediatric Pharmacy — <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BPSPed>

Due Date for both Critical Care Pharmacy and Pediatric Pharmacy Nominations: June 8, 2011

BPS will announce the appointments on or about June 17, 2011.

- BPS will convene a 2-day meeting with the **Critical Care Pharmacy Practice Analysis Task Force** on **July 26-27, 2011, in Washington, DC**, to create a preliminary content outline for this proposed specialty. Attendance by appointees to the Critical Care Pharmacy Practice Analysis Taskforce at this meeting is required.
- BPS will then convene a 2-day meeting with the **Pediatric Pharmacy Practice Analysis Task Force** on **August 2-3, 2011, in Washington, DC**, to create a preliminary content outline for this proposed specialty. Attendance by appointees to the Pediatric Pharmacy Practice Analysis Taskforce at this meeting is required.

Pain and Palliative Care Pharmacy Practice Analysis Taskforce Appointed

BPS has appointed the following individuals to the practice analysis task force for pain and palliative care pharmacy:

- **Suzanne A Nesbit**, PharmD, CPE, Clinical Specialist, Pain Management, Department of Pharmacy, and Research Associate, Department of Oncology, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

- **Jennifer M. Strickland**, PharmD, BCPS, Palliative Care Program Manager, HPC Healthcare, Tampa, Fla.
- **Chris Herndon**, PharmD, BCPS, CPE, Assistant Professor, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Edwardsville, Ill, and Pain and Palliative Care Specialist, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville, Ill.
- **Phyllis Grauer**, RPh, PharmD, CGP, Specialty Practice Pharmacist, Pain and Palliative Care, Ohio State University James Cancer Hospital and Center for Palliative Care, Columbus, Ohio
- **Jeffrey Fudin**, R.Ph., B.S., Pharm.D., DAAPM, FCCP, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Pain Management, Samuel S. Stratton, VA Medical Center, Albany, N.Y.
- **Mary Lynn McPherson**, PharmD, BCPS, CDE, Professor and Vice Chair, University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy, Baltimore, Md.
- **Scott Strassels**, PharmD, PhD, BCPS, Assistant Professor, Division of Pharmacy Practice, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
- **David Craig**, BS, PharmD, Clinical Pharmacist Specialist, Psychosocial, Palliative Care and Integrative Medicine Department, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute, Tampa, Fla.
- **Lee Kral**, PharmD, BCPS, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Pain Management, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa
- **Douglas Nee**, PharmD, MS, Clinical Specialist Consultant, OPTIMED, Inc., San Diego, Calif.

The Practice Analysis Taskforce for Pain and Palliative Care Pharmacy met on May 1–2, 2011, in Phoenix, AZ, to create an initial draft description of pain and palliative care pharmacy practice. Currently the work of the taskforce is being edited and reviewed. A survey instrument will be sent to pharmacists practicing in the area of pain and palliative care in September 2011.

Look for BPS at the Following Meetings

Society of Nuclear Medicine Annual Meeting
June 4–8, 2011
San Antonio, TX

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Summer Meeting
June 12–15, 2011
Denver, CO