

Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties

Post-licensure Specialty Certification for
Pharmacists

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Background on BPS

- Established in 1976 by APhA
- Created to respond to the evolving requirements of patients and health care providers for specialized pharmacy services
- Currently nearly 8000 certified pharmacists and six specialties



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Mission of BPS

The Mission of the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties is to improve patient care through recognition and promotion of specialized training, knowledge and skills in pharmacy and specialty board certification of pharmacists.



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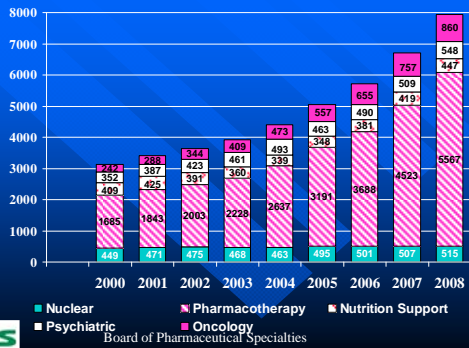
Recognized Pharmacy Specialties

- Nuclear Pharmacy - 1978
- Nutrition Support Pharmacy - 1988
- Pharmacotherapy - 1988
- Psychiatric Pharmacy - 1992
- Oncology Pharmacy - 1996
- Ambulatory Care Pharmacy - 2009



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Board Certified Specialists



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How is a new specialty created?



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Petition for Specialty Recognition

- Seven criteria must be addressed:
 - A. Public and pharmacy profession need
 - B. Clear, significant demand
 - C. Reasonable number of pharmacists spend most of their time in the specialty
 - D. Specialized knowledge required
 - E. Specialized functions performed
 - F. Education and training available
 - G. Transmission of knowledge



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BPS Petition Review & Decision Process

- Initial Review of petition for completeness
- Review of availability of funding
- Receipt of input from across the profession
 - Open Hearings
 - Other written comment
- Consideration of other pertinent information
- BPS Decision



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Next Steps to a New Specialty

- Appointment of a Specialty Council
- Affirmation of Content Outline
- Confirmation of the Exam Process
- Exam Item Development
- Exam Construction
- Exam Administration
- Establishment of Recertification Processes



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