

BPS Board Certification Information for Student Pharmacists

From the Board of Pharmacy Specialties



What is BPS?

- ❑ The Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS)
 - ❑ Autonomous division of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA)
 - ❑ The mission of BPS is to improve patient care by positioning BPS Board-Certified Pharmacy Specialists as integral members of healthcare teams, through recognition and promotion of specialized training, knowledge, and skills for pharmacists in the United States and internationally.

About BPS

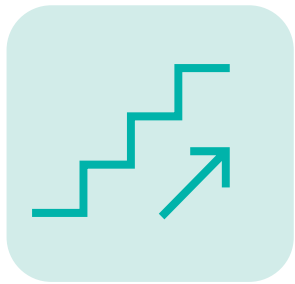
Governance and Credentials

Board of Directors





Value of BPS Board Certification



Career
Advancement



Financial
Incentives



Peer
Recognition



Stay
Up-to-Date



Personal
Gratification

BPS Eligibility Criteria

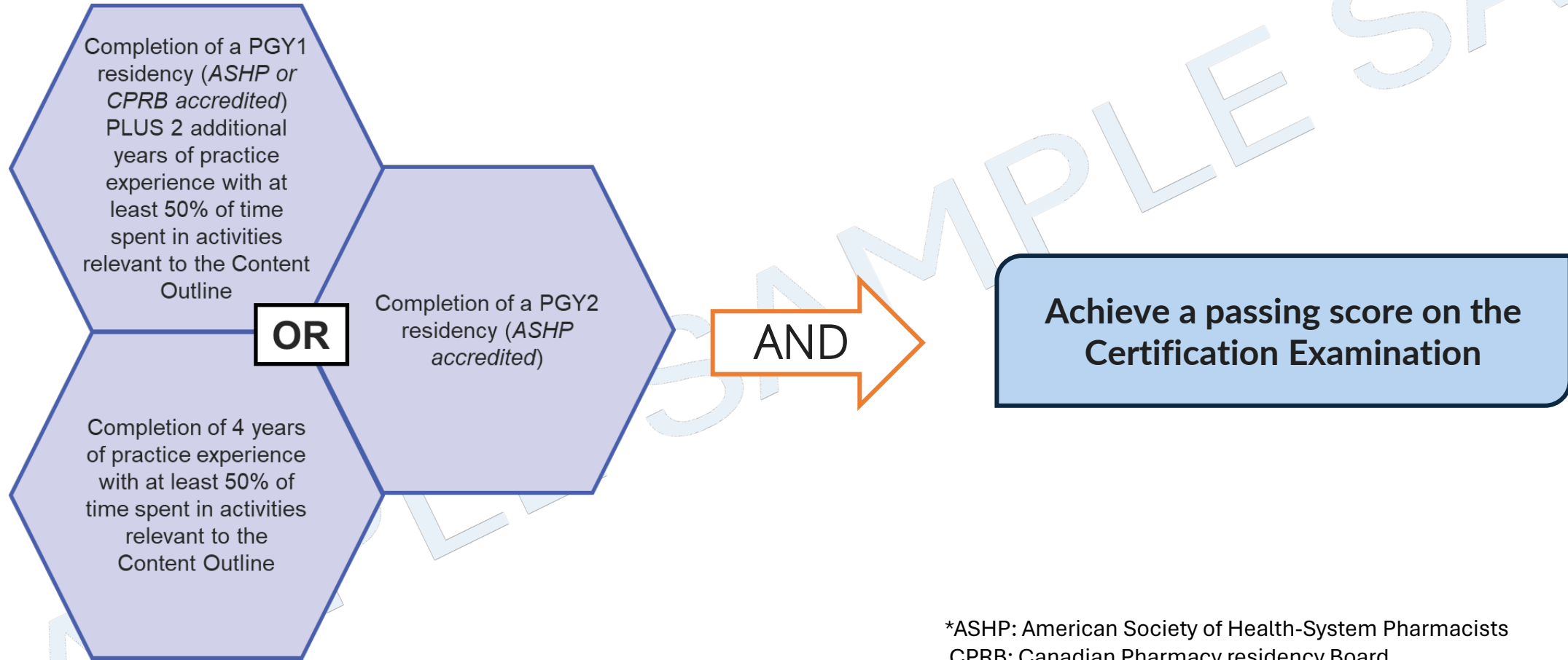
When is someone eligible to sit for an exam?





BPS Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility (except BCPS, BCNP, BCNSP, BCSCP)



*ASHP: American Society of Health-System Pharmacists
CPRB: Canadian Pharmacy residency Board

BPS Psychometric Process

Independence and Rigor

- ☐ Job analysis
 - ☐ Mixed-methods research
 - ☐ Literature searches
 - ☐ Focus group interviews
 - ☐ Surveying
 - ☐ Informs definition of the specialty practice area
 - ☐ Results from domains of the examination Content Outline
 - ☐ Occur approximately every five years
- ☐ Content Outline is available on the BPS website



BPS Examination Content Outlines

Pharmacotherapy

Domain 1 (65%): Patient-Centered Pharmacotherapy

Domain 2 (25%): Application of Evidence to Practice and Education

Domain 3 (10%): Healthcare Systems and Population Health

1	Patient-Centered Pharmacotherapy
1.1	Develop patient-centered, evidence-based pharmacotherapy plans
1.1.1	Anatomy and physiology
1.1.2	Disease processes, including drug-induced disease and comorbidities
1.1.3	Practice guidelines, literature, and standards of care
1.1.4	Public health initiatives
1.1.5	Transitions-of-care
1.1.6	Patient-specific data (e.g., exam chart review, labs, allergies, history of drug intolerance)
1.1.7	Social determinants of health
1.1.8	Pharmacology and toxicology (e.g., side effects and adverse drug reactions)
1.1.9	Access to care, including cost, telehealth, and availability
1.1.10	Drug interactions
1.1.11	Pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics
1.1.12	Pharmacogenomics
1.1.13	Non-prescriptive options (e.g., over the counter options, herbal supplements)
1.1.14	Preventative care
1.1.15	Non-pharmacologic interventions (e.g., lifestyle, diet, devices)
1.1.16	Prioritization of patient-specific goals
1.1.17	Principles of shared decision-making
1.2	Monitor the patient to ensure safe and effective pharmacotherapy
1.2.1	Goals of therapy
1.2.2	Response to therapy
1.2.3	Patient adherence
1.2.4	Changes in clinical status
1.3	Modify pharmacotherapy plans through ongoing patient assessment



BPS Recertification

- ❑ Once a board-certified pharmacist achieves certification, they must maintain that certification.
- ❑ BPS certification follows a 7-year recertification process.
- ❑ Recertification helps to ensure that a board-certified pharmacist is staying up to date on their pharmacy specialty practice.
- ❑ BPS offers different paths to maintain certification. More information can be found at <https://bpsweb.org/recertification-overview/>



Opportunities to get involved with BPS

BPS Executive Fellowship

- ❑ The American Pharmacists Association and Board of Pharmacy Specialties offer a one-year Executive Fellowship in Association Management for early career post-PharmD graduates.
 - ❑ Exposure to high priority issues from the perspective of a certification agency
 - ❑ Work with the P.A.C.E Team
 - ❑ Enhance skills in communication and project management
 - ❑ Contribute to global strategic goals and initiatives
 - ❑ Network with pharmacy leaders and subject matter experts in both APhA and BPS
- ❑ For more information you can check out: [APhA/BPS Executive Fellowship](#)



BPS - Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience

- ❑ The American Pharmacists Association and Board of Pharmacy Specialties offer a rotational experience.
 - ❑ Experience a unique and highly individualized experience in association management.
 - ❑ Participate in leadership meetings
 - ❑ Identify and analyze high priority issues in pharmacy
 - ❑ Develop skills in project management, communication, information gathering, and analysis within a certification agency
 - ❑ Expand your network with staff and pharmacists from various settings.
- ❑ For more information you can check out: [APhA Experiential Program Page](#)



Questions?

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