



VOLUNTEER

WITH THE BOARD OF PHARMACY SPECIALTIES

Become a....

BPS Specialty Council Member!

BPS Specialty Council Members are responsible for reviewing and approving examination content, establishing eligibility requirements for the certification program, and approving recertification requirements.



Responsibilities

- Review and edit examination items
- Provide feedback to examination item writers
- Review and provide feedback to recertification programs



Service Length

- At least one 2-year term on the council
- Opportunity to serve a total of 6 years, if re-appointed



Time Commitment

- Around 80-120 hours per year, which includes:
 - Multiple virtual meetings
 - One 2-day in-person meeting

Why Volunteer?

Board-certified pharmacists who serve on the specialty council help ensure that BPS examinations are fair, accurate, and reflect the knowledge and competencies required to practice in that specialty area.

Become an.... **Item Writer!**

Item writers use their expertise to draft examination items relevant to the examination content outline to ensure BPS examinations reflect contemporary practice.



Responsibilities

- Receive training from BPS on item writing
- Draft and submit 10-15 examination items



Service Length

- Participate in the entire item writing process, which lasts about 6 months



Time Commitment

- All activities are done remotely
 - Participate in BPS training - 2 hours
 - Write and submit items - 6-20 hours

Why Volunteer?

Item writers draw from their extensive and varied practice experience to develop and submit draft examination items that are fair, accurate, meaningful, and reflect current pharmacy practice within the specialty area.

Become a...

Job Analysis Panelist!

Job Analysis Panelists establish the scope of the certification program by defining the knowledge and skills necessary for safe and effective practice in that specialty.



Responsibilities

- Participate in focus-group style discussion to develop the exam content outline
- Pilot test and review the results of a validation study that solicits ratings of endorsement for the exam content outline



Service Length

- Participate in the entire job analysis process, which lasts 6 months



Time Commitment

- Around 15-25 hours, which includes:
 - Two to three virtual meetings, ranging from 3-6 hours each
 - 2-5 hours of individual contributions

Why Volunteer?

Job Analysis Panelists help ensure the foundation of a certification program reflects contemporary practice by helping to define the specialty area in terms of the competencies required and the tasks performed.

Become a....

Standard Setting Panelist!

Standard Setting Panelists establish a passing standard, or cut-off score, for the examination that reflects the competency level necessary to practice safely and effectively in a specialty area.



Responsibilities

- Review a representative examination form and set a fair and meaningful passing standard



Service Length

- Participate in the entire standard setting process, which is one 7-hour virtual meeting



Time Commitment

- All activity is performed on one 7-hour virtual meeting

Why Volunteer?

Standard setting panelists work to set an appropriate passing standard to define the competency level a pharmacist practicing in that specialty area must have to practice safely and effectively.

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