

BOARD OF PHARMACY SPECIALTIES

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

IX. Ethics and Professionalism

The Board of Pharmacy Specialties ascribes to the belief that certification carries an obligation for ethical behavior and professionalism necessary in all conduct. Certificants who are found to have exhibited unethical behavior or lack of professionalism may be prevented from pursuing certification, or such action may result in the suspension or revocation of certification. Determinations of said behavior shall be at the discretion of the Board of Pharmacy Specialties.

- A. Behavior that is dishonest includes cheating, lying, falsifying information, misrepresenting one's educational background, certification status, and/or professional experience, and failure to report misconduct. Individuals exhibiting such behavior with regard to the BPS certification program risk being permanently barred from certification and being reported to state pharmacy boards.
- B. Examination and test questions are the exclusive property of BPS and are protected by copyright law. No part of a BPS exam may be copied or reproduced in part or whole by any means whatsoever including memorization. Such efforts may violate federal copyright law.
- C. Theft or attempted theft of an examination booklet is punishable as a felony. Any irregularity occurring during the examination such as giving or obtaining unauthorized information or aid, as evidenced by observation or subsequent analysis, may result in termination or participation, invalidation of the results of the exam or other appropriate action.
- D. Cheating includes possession, reproduction or disclosure of materials or information, including examination questions or answers, or specific information regarding the content of the examination, before during or after the examination.