



Board of Pharmacy Specialties

**35 Years of Service to the Public and the
Pharmacy Profession**



Established in 1976

- By APhA
- To respond to the evolving requirements of patients and health care providers

The BPS Purpose

- Recognize Specialty Practice Areas
- Define Standards for Recognized Specialties
- Evaluate the Knowledge and Skills of Individual Pharmacy Specialists
- Communicate the Importance of Specialization in Pharmacy

Mission of BPS

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

BPS Organization

- Functions as an autonomous division of APhA, administering the BPS specialty certification program under its own governing policies
- Membership
 - Eight pharmacists (including five specialists)
 - Two non-pharmacist health care professionals
 - One public member
 - BPS Executive Director and one member of the APhA Board of Trustees (ex-officio)

Specialty Councils

- Recommend and administer certification process for the specialty
- Membership
 - Six pharmacist specialists in the area
 - Three pharmacists from other areas

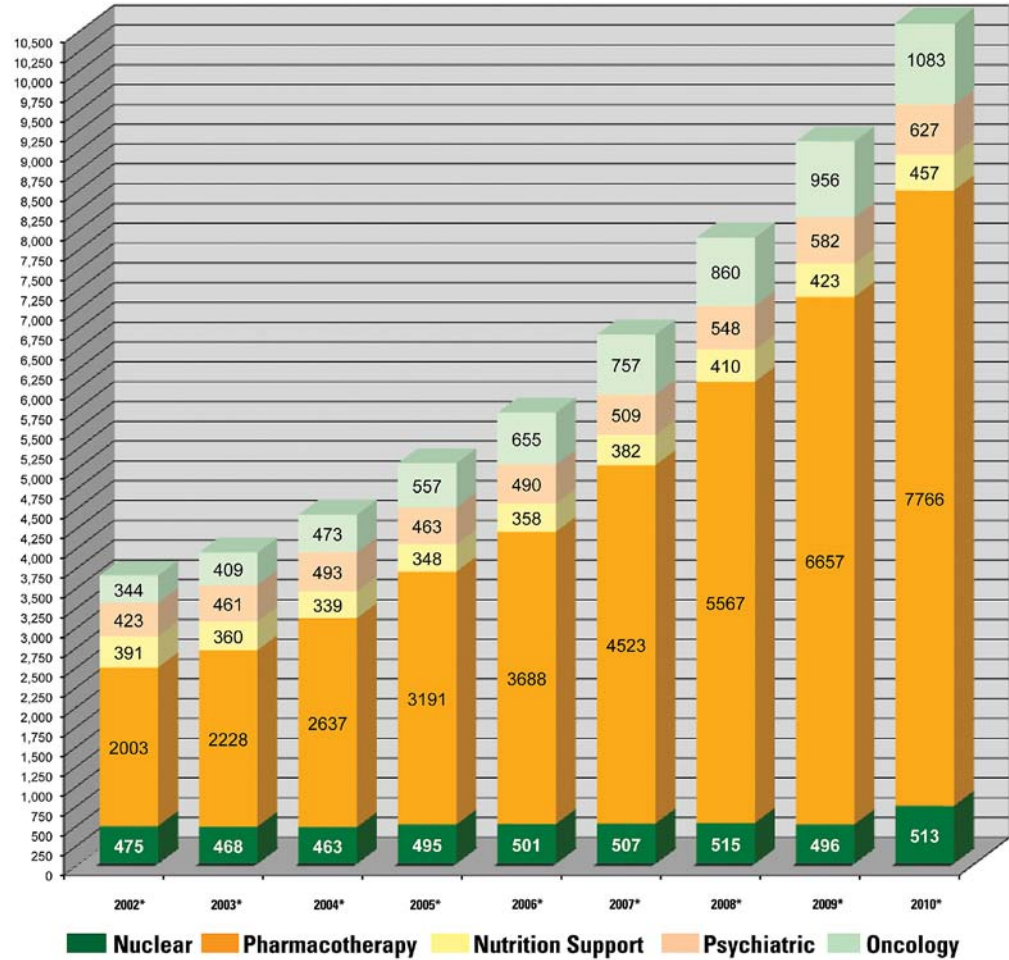
Recognized Pharmacy Specialties

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

Board Certified Specialists

Pharmacists Certified by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties

The graph below illustrates the numbers of pharmacist specialists holding BPS certification in each of the years noted in the five recognized areas for which testing programs have been implemented.



* Individuals who failed to certify have been excluded from these statistics.

December, 2010

Value of Board Certification

Recertification

- Required every seven years
- Documents the specialist's *current* knowledge and skills
- 100-question written Recertification examination
- Professional development (CE) option approved in some specialties

Some Current Issues

- Strategic and Business Planning to meet future needs of the public and the pharmacy profession
- Promotion of BPS & Specialization within and outside the profession
- Development & implementation of new specialty certifications in conjunction with the pharmacy profession

Future Examination Schedule

- October 1, 2011
 - Single exam date for all SIX BPS specialties
 - 35 exam sites + availability of alternate sites
 - August 1, 2011 Postmark deadline for October exams
- October 6, 2012
- Similar annual examination administration anticipated for 2013 and beyond

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