

Preliminary Request for the Board of Pharmacy Specialties to Consider a New Specialty

The purpose of this document is to outline the process by which an individual or group may request that BPS consider exploration of a new pharmacy practice specialty. The information provided will document initial interest in a new specialty and provide information to support the performance of a role delineation study and other exploratory work by BPS. If BPS subsequently conducts such a role delineation study, the results will be released to the profession for review and potential generation of a formal Petition for Recognition of a Pharmacy Practice Specialty by one or more petitioners in accordance with current BPS policy. The Petitioner's Guide for Recognition of a Pharmacy Practice Specialty contains the policies and procedures required for completion of a full petition (<http://www.bpsweb.org/pdfs/petitionersguide-final09.pdf>).

The following information should be included in the request for BPS to consider exploration of a new specialty:

1. Name of the practice area of the proposed specialty;
2. Description of the specialty practice area and the work of pharmacists engaged in it;
3. Estimates of potential numbers of pharmacists who might seek such certification (using available data such as number of residents and residency programs, organizational member surveys, and evolving practice and environmental changes in the profession expected to support the specialty practice);
4. Potential sources of financial resources to develop and implement the specialty prior to receipt of candidate fees;
5. Names and contact information of at least 10 subject matter experts who could participate in the initial role delineation task force;
6. Name(s) and contact information of the requestor(s).

The information to be provided does not require the level of detail contained in a full petition but should be sufficient to support a reasonable likelihood of success for the proposed specialty if it is ultimately approved and implemented.

Submission of this information neither obligates the requestor to ultimately submit a full petition to BPS nor does it obligate BPS to develop the specialty if further investigation or results of the role delineation study suggest that such specialty would not be successful or contribute to the BPS mission.