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**Board of Pharmacy Specialties® Announces Results of Spring 2016 Exams:
Over 26,000 Pharmacists Worldwide are Now BPS Board Certified**

Washington, D.C. – The results of the Spring 2016 BPS specialty certification and recertification exams were announced today by the [Board of Pharmacy Specialties®](http://www.bpspharm.org) (BPS), the premier post-licensure certification organization serving the pharmacy profession. A total of **1963** pharmacists passed the initial exams in the eight specialties currently offered by BPS: ambulatory care pharmacy, critical care pharmacy, nuclear pharmacy, nutrition support pharmacy, oncology pharmacy, pediatric pharmacy, psychiatric pharmacy and pharmacotherapy. There are now **26,457** BPS board certified pharmacists worldwide.

"BPS applauds the pharmacists who achieved a passing score on the spring 2016 specialty exams," said BPS Executive Director, William M. Ellis, MS, RPh. "The dedication of these individuals through their training and preparation and now their achievement of BPS Board Certification makes them part of a distinct group of pharmacy professionals who are at the leading edge of patient care."

"Eclipsing 26,000 board certified pharmacists is an important milestone for BPS," said BPS 2016 Chair, William Evans, PharmD. "More importantly, these numbers represent the evolution of the pharmacy profession where the specialized training and knowledge of pharmacists is increasing sought after to meet the complex medication needs of patients. On behalf of the BPS Board of Directors, I want to offer our sincere congratulations to the newly certified and recertified pharmacists."

Spring 2016 Certification and Recertification Exam Results By Specialty

- **Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacists (BCACP)** – 165 of 274 candidates were certified in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy (60% passing rate).
- **Board Certified Critical Care Pharmacists (BCCCP)** – 293 of 348 candidates were certified in Critical Care Pharmacy (84% passing rate).
- **Board Certified Nuclear Pharmacists (BCNP)** – 3 of 6 candidates were certified (50% passing rate).
- **Board Certified Nutrition Support Pharmacists (BCNSP)** – 29 of 44 candidates were certified (66% passing rate) and 3 of 3 candidates were recertified in Nutrition Support Pharmacy (100% passing rate).
- **Board Certified Oncology Pharmacists (BCOP)** – 156 of the 254 candidates were certified (61% passing rate) and 2 of 4 candidates were recertified in Oncology Pharmacy (50% passing rate).
- **Board Certified Pediatric Pharmacy Specialists (BCPPS)** – 166 of 246 candidates were certified in Pediatric Pharmacy (67% passing rate).
- **Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialists (BCPS)** – 1,111 of the 1,616 candidates were certified (69% passing rate) and 22 of 26 candidates were recertified in Pharmacotherapy (85% passing rate).
- **Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacists (BCPP)** – 40 of 63 candidates were certified (63% passing rate) and 3 of 4 candidates were recertified in Psychiatric Pharmacy (75% passing rate).

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BPS offers two testing windows each year; one in the spring and one in the fall. Registration for the fall 2016 examinations is now open and will close on August 1, 2016 and can be accessed through the BPS website at www.bpsweb.org.

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About the Board of Pharmacy Specialties®

The [Board of Pharmacy Specialties®](http://www.bpsweb.org) (BPS) was established in 1976 as an autonomous division of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). The mission of the Board of Pharmacy Specialties is to improve patient care and increase awareness of the need for BPS board certified pharmacists as integral members of multidisciplinary healthcare teams through recognition and promotion of specialized training, knowledge, and skills in pharmacy and specialty board certification and recertification of pharmacists throughout the world.

Board certification through BPS is recognized as the gold standard for determining which pharmacists are qualified to contribute at advanced practice levels. Through the rigorous standards mandated by BPS board certification and recertification, the BPS board certified pharmacist stands out as the most qualified to meet today's expanding professional expectations.