EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHARMACY
FACT SHEET

Emergency Medicine Pharmacists care for patients at the bedside across diverse populations and acuity levels. Their practice is focused to optimize pharmacotherapy, improve patient safety, increase efficiency and cost-effectiveness of care, facilitate medication stewardship, educate patients and other healthcare providers, and contribute to scholarly efforts.

The BPS Board Certified Emergency Medicine Pharmacist® (BCEMP) has the advanced knowledge and experience to optimize patient outcomes by:

- Ensuring quality patient care;
- Improving therapeutic outcomes;
- Assuring safety; and
- Supervising, training, and ensuring competency of all personnel involved in emergency medicine.

To become a BPS Board Certified Transplant Pharmacist®, a pharmacist must:

- Graduate from a pharmacy program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) or a program outside the U.S. that qualifies the individual to practice in that jurisdiction; and
- Maintain an active license to practice pharmacy in the U.S. or another jurisdiction; and
- Complete four (4) years of post-licensure practice experience with at least fifty percent (50%) of time spent practicing in the domains described in the Emergency Medicine Pharmacy Specialty Content Outline; or
- Complete a PGY1 residency accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) or new residency programs granted Candidate Status for accreditation by ASHP plus two (2) additional years of post-licensure practice with at least fifty percent (50%) of time spent practicing in the domains described in the Emergency Medicine Pharmacy Specialty Content Outline; or
- Complete an ASHP-accredited PGY2 residency in Emergency Medicine Pharmacy; and
- Achieve a passing score on the BPS Emergency Medicine Pharmacy Specialty Certification Examination.

Recertification is required every seven (7) years and can be accomplished by:

- Achieving a passing score on the BPS Emergency Medicine Pharmacy Recertification Examination; or
• Earning 100 hours of continuing education credit provided by a professional development program approved by BPS

**When can I register?**

BPS intends to offer the first administration of the Emergency Medicine Pharmacy certification examination in 2023. BPS will continue to provide updated announcements once an official launch date is confirmed.

**Becoming BPS board certified enables pharmacists to:**

- Provide more comprehensive and complex patient care;
- Be prepared to step into pharmacy’s evolving position on the multidisciplinary treatment team;
- Experience increased recognition by other healthcare professionals, employers, patients and insurers; and
- Improve their standing in a competitive employment market.

Board certification through the [Board of Pharmacy Specialties®](https://www.bps.org) is the gold standard for determining which pharmacists are qualified to contribute at advanced practice levels. Through the rigorous examination standards mandated by the [Board of Pharmacy Specialties®](https://www.bps.org), the BPS board certified pharmacist is uniquely trained and educated to meet the continually expanding expectations of other healthcare team members and the specialized needs of the patients they serve.