**INFECTIOUS DISEASES PHARMACY FACT SHEET**

Infectious Diseases Pharmacy focuses on the use of microbiology and pharmacology to develop, implement, and monitor drug regimens that incorporate the pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics of antimicrobials to optimize therapy for patients. Currently there are more than 650 BPS Board Certified Infectious Diseases Pharmacists.

To successfully become a BPS Board Certified Infectious Diseases Pharmacist® (BCIDP), a candidate must:

- Graduate from a pharmacy program accredited by the [Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education](https://www.acpe.acpe-accredit.org) (ACPE) or a program outside the U.S. that qualifies the individual to practice in the jurisdiction; and
- Hold a current, active license to practice pharmacy in the U.S. or another jurisdiction; and
- Complete four (4) years of practice experience (post-pharmacist licensure) with at least 50% of time spent in infectious diseases pharmacy activities as defined in the [BPS Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Content Outline](#); or
- Complete a PGY-1 residency* plus two (2) additional years of practice (post-pharmacist licensure) with at least 50% of time spent in Infectious Diseases pharmacy activities as defined in the [BPS Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Content Outline](#); or
- Complete a specialty (PGY-2) residency* in Infectious Diseases pharmacy; and
- Achieve a passing score on the Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Specialty Certification Examination.

* Effective January 1, 2013, only residency programs accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and completed by the applicant within the past 7 years, or new residency programs granted Candidate Status for accreditation by ASHP are creditable for this purpose.

BPS BCIDPs will be required to maintain their certification over a seven-year period by:

- Achieving a passing score on the 100-item, multiple-choice objective recertification examination (administered by BPS), based on the content outline for the Infectious Diseases Pharmacy in their seventh year following initial certification; or
- Earning 100 hours of continuing education credit provided by the professional development program offered by the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP) and/or the joint program offered by the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (ASHP) and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP).

*Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Preparatory Review and Recertification Courses offered by any of the approved providers may only be completed for recertification credit up to two times, in nonconsecutive years, during the 7-year recertification cycle.*
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;
- Improve their standing in a competitive employment market; and
- Be recognized for their expertise by other healthcare professionals, employers, patients and insurers

Board certification through the Board of Pharmacy Specialties® 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®, 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.