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Changes Coming to CCGP Self-Assessment Examination

CCGP offers a Self-Assessment Examination (SAE) in both print and web-based formats. The SAE is similar to the actual Certified Geriatric Pharmacist examination, with 150 multiple-choice questions. It is a popular tool for pharmacists who are preparing to take the CGP exam.

The web-based version of the SAE has been hosted by Applied Measurement Professionals. After purchasing access, a pharmacist can go to the website, take the SAE online, and then receive a score report with the results of the test. The pharmacist has 90 days to access the test, but can only take the test one time. After the test results are provided, access to the website is no longer available.

CCGP has made arrangements to transition to a new vendor for the web-based version of the Self-Assessment Examination, beginning March 1. The new vendor offers features that are not available from AMP. These include:

- The SAE can be taken and scored multiple times instead of just once
- When reviewing answers to test questions, links to resources such as clinical practice guidelines can be included to assist in reviewing
- More flexibility is available for CCGP to update test questions

Some of the current SAE test questions and explanations have been updated and replaced for the March 1 transition date. Another batch of SAE items is in the process of being revised for later replacement. Over the coming months, CCGP expects to be able to take advantage of these new features offered by the new vendor and make additional upgrades to the online SAE.

Check the CCGP website for details on the new web-based Self-Assessment Examination as it becomes available!

CCGP Photo Contest

Changes Coming to CGP Professional Development

Certified Geriatric Pharmacists may renew their CGP credential at the end of the five-year certification cycle by one of two options. One method is to take the CGP examination again. Passing the CGP examination will demonstrate that the CGP has maintained knowledge and abilities in geriatric pharmacy practice.

The second option to renew the CGP credential is through the Professional Development Program. This option involves completion of 75 credit hours of CCGP-approved geriatric continuing education over the five-year certification cycle. Successful completion of this continuing education will also demonstrate that the CGP has maintained, or optimally enhanced, knowledge and abilities in geriatric pharmacy practice.

CCGP is a certification organization accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). As such, CCGP adheres to accreditation standards issued by NCCA. These standards apply not only to initial certification but also to the process of recertification.

Continuing education for pharmacists in the United States must meet the standards of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). Both the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) and CCGP are accredited by NCCA, however, and continuing education related to professional development for pharmacist certification programs must also meet NCCA standards. NCCA standards were revised in 2016 and CCGP is implementing some changes.

As has already been announced, CCGP has approved two professional development providers: the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP), and ASHP (American Society of Health-System Pharmacists). New online CE programs from both providers will be available in Summer 2016.

ASCP will no longer provide 15-hour packages of CGP recertification activities all at the same time. Instead, ASCP will provide smaller quantities of online CE on a more frequent basis.

ASHP will begin releasing online continuing education programs in Summer 2016. [ASHP has a webpage with details about their future plans for geriatric CE here.](#)

One Chance to Pass CE Quiz

In the past, the online continuing education programs offered by ASCP gave participants more than one opportunity to pass the quiz. This is commonly done with pharmacy CE programs. In the context of professional development for a certification program, however, increased rigor is appropriate to help ensure that the pharmacist is maintaining or enhancing knowledge of geriatric pharmacy practice.

New online CE programs offered as part of the CCGP Professional Development Program beginning Summer 2016 will provide one opportunity to pass the CE quiz. This has already been standard practice in other pharmacy certification programs.

Six-Month Deadline

One change that will apply to both providers is that online continuing education programs will need to be completed within six months of release in order to obtain professional development credits toward recertification. This change is being made for two reasons:

- Limiting the duration of the CE helps to ensure that the content remains accurate and timely throughout the duration of availability of credit
- Limiting the duration of the CE also helps to maintain security of the CE programs

Although there may be concern about not being able to complete programs within a six-month timeframe, it is important to remember that with two providers offering CE programs, a larger number and variety of CE programs will be available to CGPs beginning in Summer 2016. It will not be necessary to complete every program offered.

It should be noted, however, that it will be important to complete continuing education programs regularly instead of waiting until near the end of the

CCGP is hosting a photo contest for any CGP who wants to share their passion for changing geriatric care for the better and to have us showcase your photograph online. These photographs will help promote the role and value of Certified Geriatric Pharmacists across all pharmacist settings through CCGP's marketing strategy.

Who may enter: Any current CGP.

How to enter: Send CCGP a photo of you in action by posting it on [CCGP's Facebook Page](#) or sending it via email to info@ccgp.org

Deadline: 5:00pm, EST, Friday, March 25th, 2016

Winner: The winning photo will be declared on Facebook in April 2016. This photo will also be displayed on the CCGP website and highlighted in the next Credential.

The Fine Print: Please make sure that the only face visible in the photograph is your own and include your first and last name when you submit your photograph(s).

Questions?: Send questions to info@ccgp.org

Grab your camera and good luck!

certification cycle. Since credits are only available for six months from the time of release, there are likely to be only a limited number of hours available online at any given time.

CCGP Overview for 2015

The Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy had 473 new applications in 2015 for the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist examination. CCGP administered 587 CGP examinations in 2015, including those who took the exam to recertify. CCGP added 240 new Certified Geriatric Pharmacists in 2015, bringing the total to 2,932 by the end of the year. This represented growth of 9% in 2015.

A total of 304 Certified Geriatric Pharmacists completed the process for recertification in 2015. Of these, 80 (26%) recertified by examination and the remainder recertified through the Professional Development Program.

The CGP credential is becoming increasingly international. Of the new applicants who applied for the CGP examination in 2015:

- 73% of candidates were from the United States
- 16% of candidates were from Canada
- 8% of candidates were from Australia
- 3% of candidates were from outside North America and Australia

CCGP to Exhibit at Upcoming Pharmacy Meetings

CCGP will be exhibiting at these pharmacy meetings in the next few months. Here are the meeting details:

American Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting & Exposition
Baltimore, MD
March 4-7, 2016
Booth #622

West Coast Pharmacy Exchange
San Francisco, CA
April 28-May 1, 2016
Booth #404

If you will be attending either of these meetings, plan to stop by the CCGP booth to get a CGP ribbon for your nametag. Better yet, bring along a colleague who is interested in learning more about the CGP credential. We look forward to seeing you at one of the above meetings!

List of New CGPs

New CGPs from the October/November 2015 testing window.

Account Name	State/Province	Country
Linda Zwart	NSW	Australia
Nicola Thong	NSW	Australia
Maree Antoinette Meuwesen	QLD	Australia
Hussien Thabet	SA	Australia
Ahmed Zeidan	VIC	Australia
Elizabeth Manias	VIC	Australia
Kathryn Frances Mackie	VIC	Australia
Rafik Zaki Geobraeil Karas	VIC	Australia
Tiny Daphne Kgomotso	VIC	Australia
Jing Xi Ren	AB	Canada
Marie Botrus	AB	Canada
SUJIN(SUE) LEE	AB	Canada
Dalina Pezeshki	ON	Canada
Grace Wai Che Wong	ON	Canada
Harrison Park	ON	Canada
Henry Chong	ON	Canada
Michelle L Adam-Couper	ON	Canada
Nekeisha Ann-Marie Grey-McKellop	ON	Canada
Peter Jong	ON	Canada
Thuan Nguyen	ON	Canada
Bik Wai Tai	HK	Hong Kong
Freek van Gorp	NL	Netherlands
Li Yu Agnes Wong	SG	Singapore
Sarah Siew Cheng Tay	SG	Singapore
Camille N Reliford	AZ	United States
Lupe Cajero Surratt	AZ	United States
Matthew Scarnecchia	AZ	United States
Teresa L Cox	AZ	United States
Carol Young Ah Lee	CA	United States
Denise Yee Schoenberger	CA	United States
Dennis Andrew Ancheta	CA	United States
Ilana Katz	CA	United States
Janet Meredith	CA	United States
Jody Michelle Santos	CA	United States

Margaret W Chan	CA	United States
Melinda Jarque Caldejon	CA	United States
Nam Ha	CA	United States
Nazeli Alice Bairamian	CA	United States
Quinn Le	CA	United States
Susan Liou Leong	CA	United States
Vicky Siau	CA	United States
Danna Zhen	CO	United States
Kristine Manlangit	CO	United States
Mary Edith McAvoy	CO	United States
Ross Phan	CO	United States
Golsheed Zeiarati	FL	United States
Hsiuwen Jao	FL	United States
Ibukun Adetula	FL	United States
James Franklin Bottoms	FL	United States
Jessica Natali	FL	United States
JeVeire Minee Moore	FL	United States
Tam N Davidson	FL	United States
Farrah Burk	GA	United States
Janine Brathwaite-McDonald	GA	United States
Clarence M Oshiro	HI	United States
Anthony Tardi	IL	United States
Faith Marie Kayes	IL	United States
Jihee Kang	IL	United States
Syed Nauman Haider	IL	United States
Joseph Alan Brown	IN	United States
Jennifer Lynn Adams	KY	United States
Samuel Waddell	KY	United States
Judith Losoya	MD	United States
Patrice Akins	MD	United States
Paige Parsons	ME	United States
Elena Marie Kline	MI	United States
Sue L McEldowney	MI	United States
Lisa Brennan	NC	United States
Shai Boe Adams	ND	United States
Carey Bernt	NE	United States
Amit Gupta	NJ	United States
Jennifer Balog	NJ	United States
Ourania Landry	NJ	United States
Robert Joshua Prichard IV	NJ	United States
Golsa Zeiarati	NY	United States
Lisanne Holley	NY	United States
Rafik Yacoub	NY	United States
Sarah Roth	NY	United States
Aaron Moats	OH	United States
Chris Harris	OR	United States
Danielle Marie Backus	OR	United States
Janine Sanner	PA	United States
Jeanette Kreutzer	PA	United States
Jennifer Greene Naples	PA	United States
Joseph Thomas Hanlon	PA	United States
Rebecca Miller Wise	PA	United States
Patzy Anzalota	PR	United States
Lisa G McAndrews Morin	RI	United States
Amira Ali Jaddua	TN	United States
Meredith Leigh Gilbert Plock	TN	United States
Tiffany O'Keefe	TN	United States
Angela Bassek	TX	United States
Ashley Yarabinec	TX	United States
Yoon Kong	VA	United States
Anna Hunt	VT	United States
Hanna Johansson	WA	United States
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