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CCGP Board Adopts New Policy on Spacing of CE Credit for Recertification

The CCGP Professional Development Committee has been reviewing the Professional Development Program (PDP) used for recertification of the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist credential. Pharmacists who renew by PDP are required to complete 75 credit hours of continuing education over the five-year period of the certification cycle. For a variety of reasons, a significant number of pharmacists seem to wait until the last year of their certification cycle (or even later) to begin working on the required CE to renew by PDP.

CCGP to Launch New Community Forums

The Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy used to have an e-mail listserver for general discussion among Certified Geriatric Pharmacists (Pharmlist). At one time, this was a fairly active listserver. However, spam e-mail and out of office messages became problems and the listserver was deactivated.

CCGP is pleased to announce a new web-based replacement for the old e-mail listserver. CCGP has partnered with Higher Logic to create a community forum where discussions can take place and postings can be distributed through e-mail. Users can choose to receive postings in a daily digest or in real time.

Certified Geriatric Pharmacists will receive an e-mail when the Community Forum (CGP Corner) is launched. This e-mail will provide your log-in instructions.

As a first step, you will want to create your own profile on the community website. Add your personal information to complete your profile.

Set privacy settings to control who has access to your information.

- Go to the settings control under "My Profile."
- Under "Subscriptions", indicate whether you wish to receive postings as a daily digest or as real time e-mail messages.
- Under "Privacy", you can select who has access to various types of information in your profile.

You will have the option to create a personal blog within the community website. You can choose to make this blog accessible to the general public or to a more limited audience within the CGP community, by using the privacy settings.

Another feature of the community site is the ability to post a file to share with the community. This can be done under the "Participate" tab. If you have a relevant file to share with the community, you may do this, but please abide by copyright restrictions.

If you have questions or problems during the launch, please refer to the **Frequently Asked Questions** document before contacting staff. If your problem

In response to concern about this issue, the Professional Development Committee recommended a policy change to the CCGP Board of Commissioners. The Committee recommended that Certified Geriatric Pharmacists who renew by PDP be required to complete at least 15 credit hours of CE no later than 3 years prior to the expiration date of the credential; AND at least 30 hours must be completed at least 2 years prior to expiration of the credential. The CCGP Board agreed and adopted the recommendation at their meeting on January 28, 2014.

This policy change will take effect on January 1, 2019. This means that pharmacists who certify or recertify on or after January 1, 2014 should plan to complete at least 15 credit hours of designated CE for the PDP by January 1, 2016; AND complete at least 30 hours of CE by January 1, 2017.

Here is a link to the new [Policy on Spacing of Professional Development Credits](#)

Winners of CCGP January Incentive Announced

CCGP launched a new version of the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist examination in January 2014, based on the new [content map](#) for geriatric pharmacy practice developed by CCGP and Applied Measurement Professionals in 2012.

To encourage candidates to take the new examination, CCGP created an incentive program for candidates who took the examination in January 2014. Five Visa gift cards of \$100 each would be awarded to randomly selected pharmacists who took the examination during January 2014. The drawing has been conducted and the winners of the Visa gift cards are:

Kyla James
Sellersburg, IN

Yijun Lin
Marion, IL

Charles Seskevics
Kalamazoo, MI

Julie Sun
University Place, WA

Lindy Swain
Spokane, WA

Congratulations to these gift card recipients!

is not addressed there, please let us know. We will update our Frequently Asked Questions document to help other users learn to use the community website. Any suggestions you have for topics or questions to include would be welcomed.

Mark Stratton Appointed to Exam Development Committee

CCGP is pleased to announce that Mark A. Stratton, PharmD, BCPS, CGP, FASHP, Professor and Langsam Endowed Chair in Geriatric Pharmacy at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, has been appointed by the CCGP Board of Commissioners to the CCGP Examination Development Committee.

Professor Stratton has a long history of involvement with CCGP, having served previously as Chair of the CCGP Board of Commissioners. A vacancy was created on the Committee when one of the Committee members resigned for personal reasons.



New CCGP Blog Added to CCGP Website

The Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy continues to explore ways to better serve candidates who are interested in taking the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist examination, current Certified Geriatric Pharmacists, and other stakeholders who place confidence in the value and credibility of the CGP credential. A new blog has been added to the CCGP website as a means by which CCGP can communicate messages to all key stakeholders with an interest in the CGP credential or the appropriate use of medications in older adults.

Any Certified Geriatric Pharmacist who wishes to submit a blog entry for posting on the CCGP website may submit the posting for consideration to the CCGP Executive Director, Tom Clark. Use the [Contact CCGP link](#) to submit the entry.

We look forward to your comments on the blog postings.

There is a link to the blog in the upper right hand corner of the CCGP home page. The direct link is:
<http://www.ccgp.org/blog>

List of New CGPs

CCGP offers congratulations to these new Certified Geriatric Pharmacists who passed the CGP examination during the fourth quarter of 2013.

Name	State	Country
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Gagandeep Johar	QLD	Australia
John Mostyn Woodward	QLD	Australia
Michel Yousef	SA	Australia
Amy Page	WA	Australia
Amy Duncan	AB	Canada
Glendy K Poon	AB	Canada
Jillian Marie Gleim	AB	Canada
Judith Silver	AB	Canada
Loma Halaby-Ammar	AB	Canada
Muhammad Ashraf	AB	Canada
Shirley Cheung	AB	Canada
Wanda Lindberg	AB	Canada
Alvin Emandra Singh	BC	Canada
Angela Julie Polsinelli	ON	Canada
Beth Kaufman	ON	Canada
Christine Khouri	ON	Canada
Dana C Bagan	ON	Canada
Elizabeth Anastasia Shiamptanis	ON	Canada
Emily Ching	ON	Canada
Grace Leung	ON	Canada
Joon Sun Chong	ON	Canada
Kathy Coleman	ON	Canada
Kyungah Nicole Song	ON	Canada
Martha Bailkowski	ON	Canada
Natalie Loh	ON	Canada
Shawn Goodman	ON	Canada
Snezana Palamarevic	ON	Canada
Stephana Hung	ON	Canada
Wanette Spendik	ON	Canada
Kristen Shevchuk	SK	Canada
Wook Noh		Korea, South
Chern Yih Lee		Singapore
Chock Cheng Soo		Singapore
Hsueh Ni Chen Chen		Singapore
Jianming Tan		Singapore
Thipsuda Dulyaphakorn		Singapore
Gregory Oris McNider	AL	United States
Lisa A Nichols	AL	United States
Richard Lee Cramer	AL	United States
Vicki Reagan Olszewski	AL	United States
Laura V Tsu	AZ	United States
Nicole Kitts	AZ	United States
Bryan Espiritu	CA	United States
Jamie Kaya	CA	United States
Jocelyn Reynoso	CA	United States
Liron Lepine	CA	United States
Nicki (Negar) Ghazanfarpour	CA	United States
Paul T Le	CA	United States
Reena Curtis	CA	United States
Rochele Cortes	CA	United States
Sarkis Boghossian	CA	United States
Sheela Shneezai	CA	United States
Thuhai Thi Phamle	CA	United States
Kelly Wheeler	CO	United States
Sarah Eubanks	CO	United States
Tamara Ann Thompson	CO	United States
Dagmar Halac	FL	United States
Heather Lynn Walczyk	FL	United States
Matthew Antonopoulos	FL	United States

Silmarie Bosques Rosado	FL	United States
William Lowry	FL	United States
Brian McKee	GA	United States
Ebony Ferrell	GA	United States
John Anthony Galdo	GA	United States
Olubusola Akinbote	GA	United States
Megan Hirae	HI	United States
Sunae Tom	HI	United States
Ashley I Jones	IA	United States
Shella R Johnson	IA	United States
Jeffrey Clark	ID	United States
Anjanette Dymerski	IL	United States
John Calcaterra	IL	United States
Marc Vaughan	IL	United States
Monica I Leriger	IL	United States
Nimita Varga	IL	United States
Thomas Crowley	IL	United States
Amir Hossain Radjaei	IN	United States
Kathleen A Matthews	IN	United States
Brandon Schminke	KS	United States
Jami Helm	KS	United States
Sadie Salloum	KS	United States
Cynthia Marie Shuck	KY	United States
Lisa Strunk	KY	United States
Sarah M Lawrence	KY	United States
Christine Bercume Ho	MA	United States
Derek McFerran	MA	United States
Erica Brown	MA	United States
Despina Rizal	MD	United States
Gretchen Riker	MD	United States
Olufunmilayo Jagun	MD	United States
Jason Wachtl	MN	United States
Karl Simon	MO	United States
Levi McWilliams	MO	United States
Christie Hughes Dresback	NC	United States
Christy Walker Simpson	NC	United States
Dana Norvell	NC	United States
Kimberly Jellous	NC	United States
Melinda Anne Yale	NC	United States
Tasha Woodall	NC	United States
Barbra D. Zambon	NJ	United States
Bhavin J Patel	NJ	United States
Vishal Jain	NJ	United States
Jennifer Ann Pruskowski	NY	United States
May Thuy Nguyen	NY	United States
Michael D. Panko	NY	United States
Michele Beth Kaufman	NY	United States
Nina Yousefzadeh	NY	United States
Tracy Yeu Tyng Liu	NY	United States
Xuan Nhi Tran	NY	United States
Jason Adam Cleland	OH	United States
Kelly Anne Gibas	OH	United States
Krista Tressa	OH	United States
Lori Osso-Connor	OH	United States
Maureen Jones	OH	United States
Melissa Carapellotti	OH	United States
Samantha Ruffing	OH	United States
Lance Jay McCord	OK	United States
Shannan Wideman	OK	United States

David Engen	OR	United States
Robert Lee	OR	United States
Deborah Kang	PA	United States
Jennifer Lynn Shepard	PA	United States
Vanessa Campbell	PA	United States
Bethany Spadaro	RI	United States
Erika Tillery	SC	United States
Jayne E Gayman	SC	United States
Amy Wainright	TN	United States
Lauren Sabet	TN	United States
Traci M Poole	TN	United States
Chun Wang	TX	United States
Elizabeth Ragsdale	TX	United States
Mandy Jeanne Means	TX	United States
Noureen Wadhwanian	TX	United States
Pei Hwa Kuo	TX	United States
Veronia Salama	TX	United States
Victoria Baongoc Pho	TX	United States
Natalie Paige-Moore Eisbach	UT	United States
Danielle Danzi	VA	United States
Kyle Iannotti	VA	United States
Angela Heng Chee Lam	WA	United States
Brian John Gates	WA	United States
Carol A Crawford	WA	United States
Kevin Alan Pasquali	WA	United States
Manuela Perkins	WA	United States
Yasming Chui	WA	United States
Kelly Michelle Jorgensen	WI	United States
Nancy Shea	WI	United States
Aaron Mark Taylor	WV	United States
Elaine Rothman Ashby	WV	United States

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