



# The Credential

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### Coming Soon - Recertification Package #3

The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists provides online continuing education modules for use in the CCGP Professional Development Program for recertification of Certified Geriatric Pharmacists. These modules are available at: <http://education.ascp.com/gpr>

ASCP is working on another package of advanced CE modules for recertification. This package contains 15 credit hours of continuing education, with 2.5 credit hours each on six topics:

- A palliative approach to managing advanced chronic heart failure
- Geriatric depression and anxiety: pharmacotherapy considerations
- Dementia with Lewy bodies
- Effective communication and education for an older adult population
- The older adult with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Complicated skin and soft tissue infections in the older adult

### CCGP Board Votes to Create Professional Development Committee

At the May meeting of the CCGP Board of Commissioners, the Board voted to create a Professional Development Committee. CCGP already has an Examination Development Committee to oversee development of the certification examination, used for initial certification of pharmacists. The purpose of the Professional Development Committee is to have similar oversight and responsibility for periodic recertification of the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist.

CCGP became accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies in 2012. One of the accreditation standards relates specifically to recertification. Since CCGP is attesting that the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist has maintained a certain level of knowledge, skills, and abilities, it is important that CCGP exercise oversight over the process of recertification. The PDC will be the mechanism by which CCGP accomplishes this goal.

The Professional Development Committee has three basic purposes:

- Establish criteria for approval of continuing education programs used in the Professional Development Program for recertification of Certified Geriatric Pharmacists;
- Review programs submitted for consideration, to determine if the applicant programs meet the criteria;
- Review program evaluations and comments from CGPs, to oversee quality of the Professional Development Program

The Professional Development Committee will have 12 members serving three-year terms. A call for nominations for Committee members will be distributed later in July.

### CCGP Item Writing Webinar Successful

The CCGP item writing webinar on April 24 had a total of 33 participants. A total of 291 examination items were submitted by participants prior to the June 12 deadline. These items will be used on upcoming versions of the CGP examination and on a revised version of the Self-Assessment Examination. As

CCGP encourages all CGPs to complete 15 hours of continuing education credits for the Professional Development Program each year. CCGP is working with ASCP to schedule the release of a 15-hour package of online CE modules each summer beginning in 2013. By completing 15 hours of CE each year, the CGP will have the CE requirements fulfilled by the end of the five-year certification cycle and will be ready to renew the CGP credential.

CCGP will send an e-mail notice to all CGPs when the new package of CE is available for use.

### **Call for Poster Reviews for ASCP Annual Meeting**

The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists is seeking volunteers to review poster submissions for *Get Wired in Seattle—Plugged-In To Patient Care*, ASCP's 44th Annual Meeting and Exhibition!

If you've had experience reviewing abstracts and are available in the next 4 weeks, please consider volunteering. Each reviewer will receive approximately 1-5 abstracts to review over a two week time period along with instructions and criteria.

#### *Abstract Guidelines for Posters*

An abstract is a brief summary (250 words or less) of the important points described in a poster presentation. Abstracts can be divided into two broad categories:

*Category 1:* Those that report the results of research and evaluative studies (Research Reports, Research-in-Progress, Encore Presentations, Practice and Management Evaluative Studies)

*Category 2:* Descriptions of new, improved, or innovative activities or services that would be of interest to other practitioners. This may include reports from ASCP State Chapters and affiliated organizations.

To volunteer go to [http://ascp.gsubmit.net/cgi-bin/main.plex?form\\_type=display\\_smart\\_reg&j\\_id=117](http://ascp.gsubmit.net/cgi-bin/main.plex?form_type=display_smart_reg&j_id=117).

If interested, please sign up by July 15. Thanks in advance for your participation!

### **CCGP to Exhibit at Upcoming Pharmacy Meetings**

CCGP will have an exhibit booth at the following meetings during the coming months:

- American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Chicago, IL – July 13-16 (Booth #306)
- ASCP Mid-Atlantic Conference, Solomons, Maryland – August 2-4

If you are attending any of these meetings, stop by the CCGP exhibit booth. Please also encourage your colleagues to stop by and learn more about the CGP credential.

announced previously, a random drawing was held to give prizes from among those who submitted items.

Recipients of the prizes are:  
\$50 Amazon.com gift card – Maqsood Khatri of Smyrna, GA  
\$100 Amazon.com gift card – Noris Babb of Seminole, FL  
iPad Mini – Mary Douzjian of Solana Beach, CA

Thanks to all the participants for their support of CCGP.

### **Update of CCGP Website in Progress**

Work is continuing on an update to the CCGP website. The new addition to the website will provide discussion forums to allow communication among CGPs, and sub-groups of CGPs. These sub-groups may include hospital-based CGPs or long-term care consultant pharmacist CGPs. This networking may be a valuable benefit to having the CGP credential.

Another enhancement will be a better ability to search for a CGP. The current search feature has certain limitations that will no longer be present with the enhancement.

In the last credential newsletter, CCGP solicited volunteers to assist with providing input on development of the new website enhancements. We are pleased to report that we received the following volunteers:

- Mary Elizabeth Briand of Jacksonville, FL
- Marcella Brown of Philadelphia, PA
- Shelly Delaville of Baton Rouge, LA
- Steven Gilbert of Riverton, NJ

Thanks for our volunteers for their help with planning and implementation of the launch of the update to the CCGP website.

### **Are You Involved in NICHE, HELP, or ACE Programs?**

More than one-third of hospital inpatients are aged 65 or over. Many hospitals have established programs that focus on the special needs of the geriatric patient. Included among these are:

- Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders (NICHE)
- Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP)
- Acute Care of the Elderly (ACE) programs

CCGP would like to connect with CGPs who are involved with any of these programs to learn more about the role of the pharmacist on these teams, and how the pharmacist came to be involved. If you are a hospital CGP and involved with any of these programs, please send an e-mail to [info@ccgp.org](mailto:info@ccgp.org) with the subject line "Hospital Team" so that we may get in touch with you for a brief conversation about your experience. Thanks.

### **Please Submit Reports of CGPs Who Receive Honors or Awards**

The Credential Newsletter would like to recognize Certified Geriatric Pharmacists who receive honors or awards from

pharmacy or geriatric professional societies. If you, or someone you know, receives an honor or award, please send an e-mail with the header "Honors or Awards" and the details to: [info@ccgp.org](mailto:info@ccgp.org)

### **CCGP Call for Nominations Coming Soon**

CCGP will be distributing a call for nominations later in July. Nominees will be solicited for:

- Examination Development Committee
- Board of Commissioners
- Professional Development Committee
- CCGP Excellence in Geriatric Pharmacy Practice Award

An e-mail will be sent to all CGPs with details about the call for nominations and the announcement will also be posted on the CCGP website.

### **List of New CGPs**

<b>Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Country</b>
Catherine Joanne Spiller	TAS	Australia
Dale Mitchell	WA	Australia
Michael Eberhardt-Sturm	AB	Canada
Suhad Humadi	AB	Canada
Robert MacAulay	NB	Canada
Amanda Pham	ON	Canada
Barbara Ann Ramsay	ON	Canada
Cynthia Desrosiers	ON	Canada
Dusit Abdullahi	ON	Canada
Heidi Gabriel	ON	Canada
Hussein Almadhoun	ON	Canada
Jonathan Lu	ON	Canada
Julie Lynn Collie	ON	Canada
Karyn Cleugh	ON	Canada
Noha Magdy Fayed	ON	Canada
Peter Michel Botros	ON	Canada
Sheetal Desai	ON	Canada
Stephanie Gracey	ON	Canada
Mary Fraser	SK	Canada
Tara Dawn Marsh	SK	Canada
Shimaa Elsayed Ahmed		Egypt
Lean Yen Chua		Singapore
Anna Printzell		Sweden
Jenny Krook		Sweden
Christy Vaughn Tidmore	AL	United States
Kathryn Cassaday	CA	United States
Mary Phillips	CA	United States
Clarissa Morrison Heffern	CO	United States
Dora Cheung	CO	United States
Michael Stephen Brady	CO	United States
Karen Lehman	DE	United States
Angela Singh	FL	United States
Jequita Agbi	FL	United States
Mark McCuiston	FL	United States

Nancy Laux	FL	United States
Christinia George	GA	United States
William Lineberry	GA	United States
Kevin T Arakawa	HI	United States
Nikunj G Patel	IL	United States
Jessica Guffey	IN	United States
Roberta Frances Skinner	IN	United States
Christy Padilla	KS	United States
Suzanne M. Barbour	KS	United States
Lysette Daniels	KY	United States
Ashley Monique Taylor	LA	United States
Elizabeth Sylvia	MA	United States
Janki Kokilepersaud	MD	United States
Kelechi E. Agbi	MD	United States
Joyce Demers	ME	United States
Erin Lynn Mattonen	MI	United States
Valerie Fishbeck	MI	United States
Ashley Twedt	MN	United States
Jennifer Zenker	MN	United States
Sheila M Collins	MN	United States
Abigail Scarpellini	MO	United States
Brandon Anderson	MO	United States
Ralph A. Reppond	MO	United States
Ann-Marie Parker	NC	United States
Larry Hicks Pope	NC	United States
Devanshi Sheri	NJ	United States
Charles Edward Libby	NY	United States
Sharon Ann Speckmann	NY	United States
Pam Shelton	OK	United States
Kimberly Carozzoni	PA	United States
Robert Milnes	PA	United States
Erin Brower Kennedy	TN	United States
Norma E Collins	TN	United States
Donghee Kang	TX	United States
Evans Osei Tutu	TX	United States

Frieda Wiley	TX	United States
Mark Wong	TX	United States
Kim Ford	WA	United States
Jonathan Barry Hjelm	WI	United States
Leah Hall	WV	United States

#### From the Literature

Certified Geriatric Pharmacist Jeannie K. Lee of the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy is the lead author in a systematic review and meta-analysis of geriatric patient care by U. S. pharmacists in healthcare teams. The article is published as an early view article on the website of the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society:

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jgs.12323/abstract>

Twenty studies were included in the final meta-analysis.

Favorable results were found in all outcome categories, and meta-analyses conducted for therapeutic, safety, hospitalization, and adherence outcomes were significant ( $P < .001$ ), favoring pharmacist care over comparison.

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