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Certified Geriatric Pharmacist Credential from CCGP

Hospitals need board Certified Geriatric Pharmacists to manage the special needs of the increasing numbers of older adults—medication reconciliation, falls and other geriatric syndromes, and participating in geriatric teams (NICHE, ACE, etc.).

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Company Background

The Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy was created by the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists in 1997. CCGP is a nonprofit corporation, autonomous from ASCP and with its own governing Board of Commissioners. CCGP offers a voluntary board certification examination for pharmacists in geriatric pharmacy practice and was accredited by the National Commission on Certifying Agencies in March 2012. CCGP is a member of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence and the Council on Credentialing in Pharmacy.

Product Overview

The Certified Geriatric Pharmacist examination is computer-based and is offered at computer test centers throughout the United States and Canada and in a number of other countries around the world. The exam is administered in four test windows throughout the year. The test is 150 questions in multiple-choice format. The initial certification period is five years, and periodic recertification is required. This may be accomplished by retaking the examination or by the Professional Development Program, with continuing education of 75 credit hours over the five-year period.

Features & Options

With the rapid growth in numbers of older adults in hospitals, and recent changes in Medicare reimbursement, the need for hospital pharmacists with the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist credential is growing as well. Hospitals need pharmacists who understand the unique medication-related needs of the elderly, including Beers criteria, geriatric syndromes, prescribing cascades, and issues related to transitions of care and medication

reconciliation. Hospitals increasingly need pharmacists to participate in geriatric teams, including ACE, NICHE, HELP, and similar geriatric team-based programs. A pharmacist with the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist credential should be a part of every hospital pharmacy team.

Pricing Information

The fee to register for the initial examination is \$600, and the fee for periodic recertification is \$400, either by exam or by CE. In addition, a certification administration fee of \$250 per five years is required, payable after meeting requirements for certification or recertification. CCGP also offers a Self-Assessment Examination (practice test) of 150 questions, available in web-based format for \$85 or print format for \$99.

Quarterly Registration Deadlines to Take the CGP Exam

REGISTER BY:

December 15, 2013

March 15, 2014

June 15, 2014

September 15, 2014

TAKE EXAM IN:

January/February 2014

April/May 2014

July/August 2014

October/November 2014

A list of resources to prepare for the CGP examination is available at: www.ccgp.org/exam/prepare

The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists offers an online geriatric review course, with continuing education credit, at: <http://gprprep.ascp.com>



The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education.