



What Certification Means for YOU!

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Meet The Presenter



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Who is the SPCB?

- Certifying Board for the Certified Specialty Pharmacist (CSP) credential created in 2012.
- Established to offer a non-governmental professional certification program for pharmacists.
- Responsible for overseeing the development of the credential, policies and procedures for the credential, and to oversee the development of the certification examination.
- Dedicated to promoting the highest possible quality standards



Mission, Purpose and Scope

- The **mission** of the SPCB is to provide independent, verifiable evidence of proficiency in specialty pharmacy through a nationally recognized, accredited, and rigorous certification program.
- The **purpose** of the Certified Specialty Pharmacist (CSP) credential is to recognize individuals who have demonstrated intermediate knowledge and skill to provide competent specialty pharmacy services.
- The **scope** of the SPCB is to oversee the certification program, develop and implement policies and procedures for the certification, and oversee the development of the examination.



Relationship with NASP

- The National Association of Specialty Pharmacy (NASP) is a 501(c)(6) non-profit trade association representing all stakeholders in the specialty pharmacy industry.
- In 2016, the SPCB became an unincorporated division of NASP.
- The NASP Board of Directors has delegated to the SPCB sole authority and autonomy with respect to all certification



Board Composition

Certified Directors

- 9-14 Specialty Pharmacists
- Hold the CSP Credential

Public Member

- Represents patients who are consumers of pharmaceutical products.

Stakeholders

- 4-5 Positions
- Employee of a stakeholder or who has related stakeholder interests in any area of the specialty pharmacy industry.



Roles & Responsibilities

- Confidentiality
- Define, expand and/or reduce the **scope of the certification program**, including development of additional certifications and/or specialty credentials.
- Establish policies and procedures for granting certification, including **eligibility requirements**.
- Establish policies and procedures for maintaining certification, including **recertification requirements**.
- Establish policies and procedures for suspending or withdrawing certification, including oversight for all **disciplinary investigations** and actions related to certificants.
- Provide **fiscal oversight** for the organization.
- Develop, maintain, administer, and score the **certification examination(s)** in a manner consistent with generally accepted psychometric practices to ensure that the examination is reasonably valid and reliable.
- Establish and enforce an **ethical code** for individuals holding the credential(s).
- Provide **oversight** of qualified personnel.
- Provide oversight to any **committee(s)** as needed (nominating, item development, etc.)
- advance ethical practice and to advocate for professional development to ensure patients receive safe, efficient care now and in the future.





Overview of Certification



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What is Certification?

- Process by which individuals **demonstrate** required knowledge and skill.
- **Meet** predetermined, standardized criteria.
- Tool for identifying **competent** individuals.
- Usually **voluntary**, non-governmental (vs. licensure).
- **Time-limited**
- **Independent** of a specific class, course, or other education or training program.
- Primary focus on the **examination**.
- advance ethical practice and to advocate for professional development to ensure patients receive safe, efficient care now and in the future.



Value of Certification

- A high-quality certification validates an individual's knowledge, skills, and abilities in a defined profession, occupation, skill, or role.
- Reduces and enhances consumer protection and public safety.
- Shows employers and other stakeholders individuals who have the competencies needed to perform a role or task.



Benefits of Certification

Certificate Holders

- Increased recognition by peers and respect of colleagues
- Greater confidence in their professional competence
- Opportunity for employment and advancement
- Increased professional trust from employers or the public
- Increased autonomy in the workplace
- Better compensation and career longevity

Consumers

- Objective, independent, third-party evaluation and assessment of professional competence
- Commitment to public safety and/or consumer protection
- Accountability through ethical conduct standards and/or a disciplinary process
- Recertification requirements for continued or enhanced competence

Employers

- Qualified individuals for employment or advancement
- Recertification requirements for continued or enhanced competence
- Commitment to public safety and/or consumer protection
- Reduced risk of errors, accidents and/or legal liability
- Reduced employee turnover and increased job satisfaction
- Justification for potential compensation differential

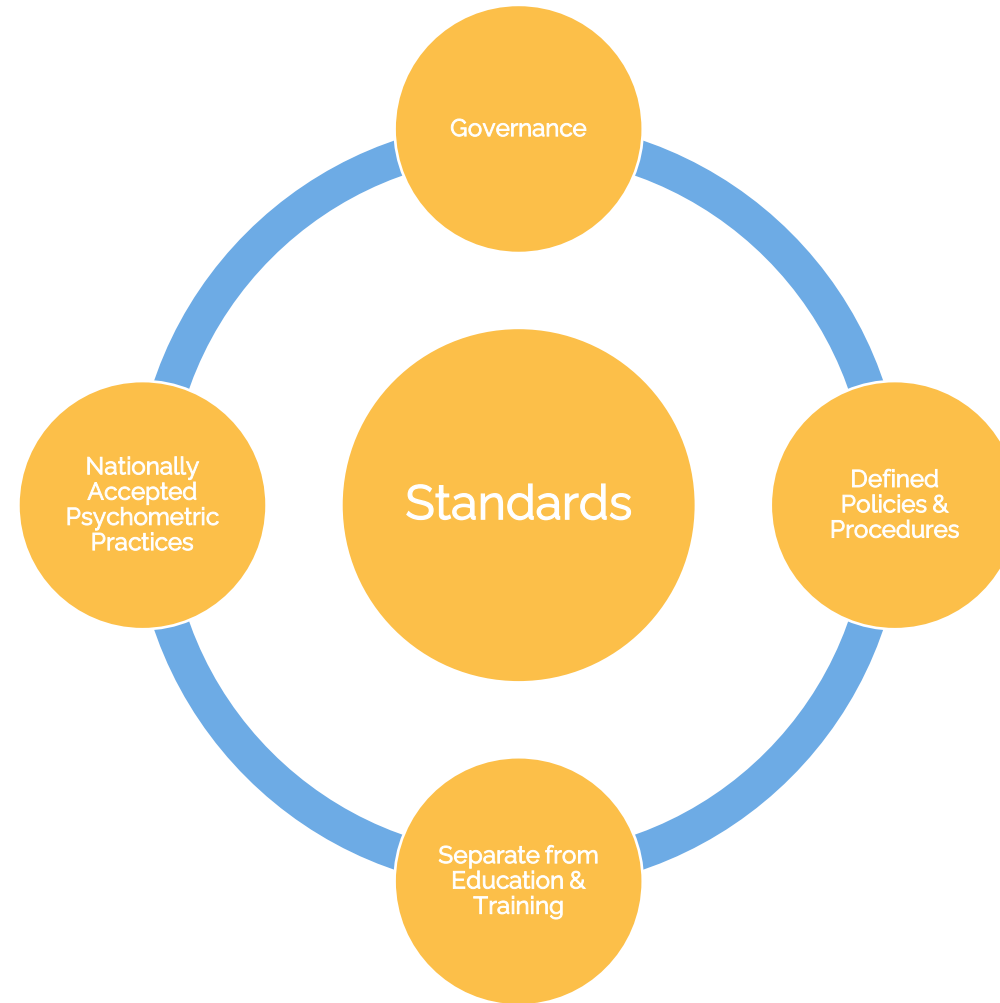


What is Accreditation?

- An objective **third-party**.
- **Recognition** granted to a certification program by a non-governmental agency.
- **Verification** that a certification program has met predetermined standards.
- **Time-limited**
- **Voluntary**
- policies, procedures, and decisions.



Fundamentals of Accreditation

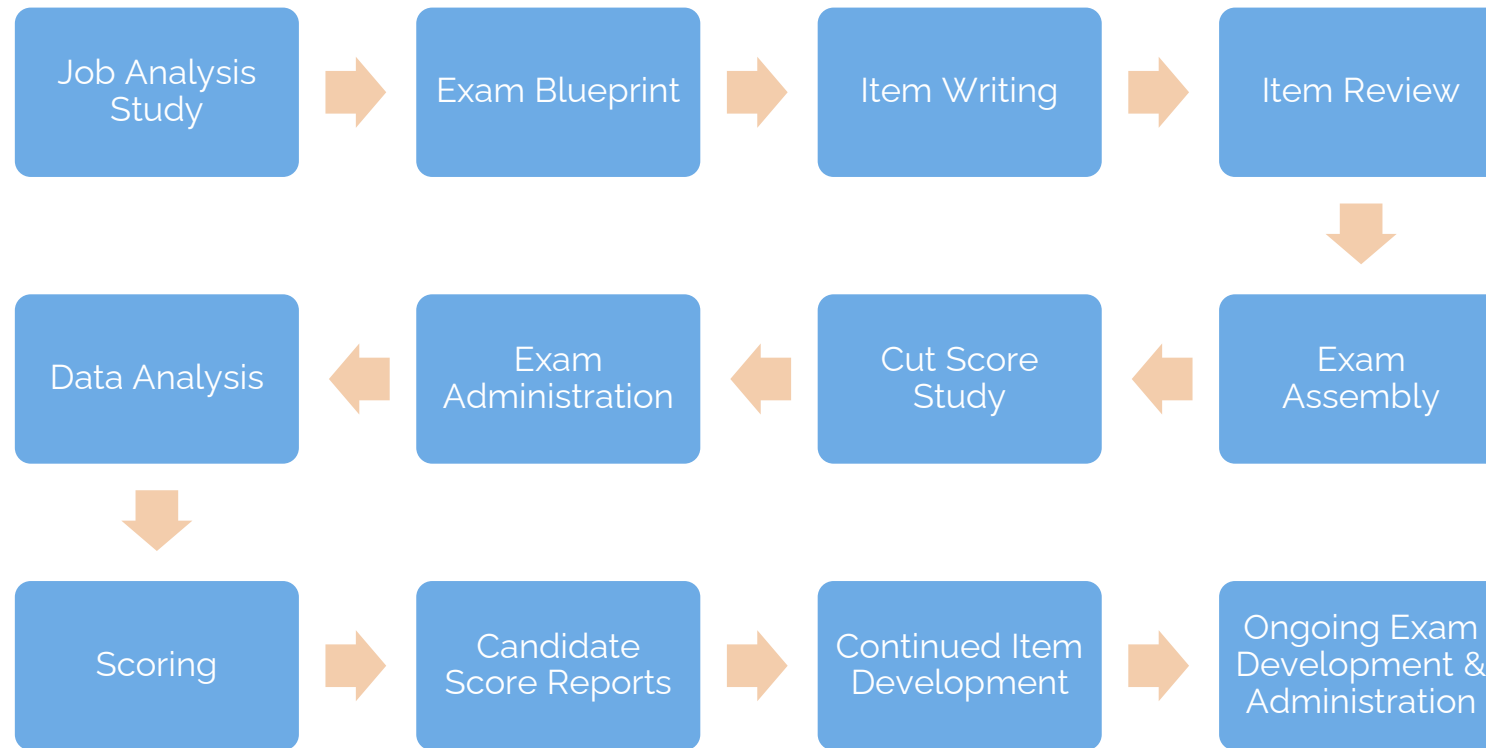


NCCA Accreditation

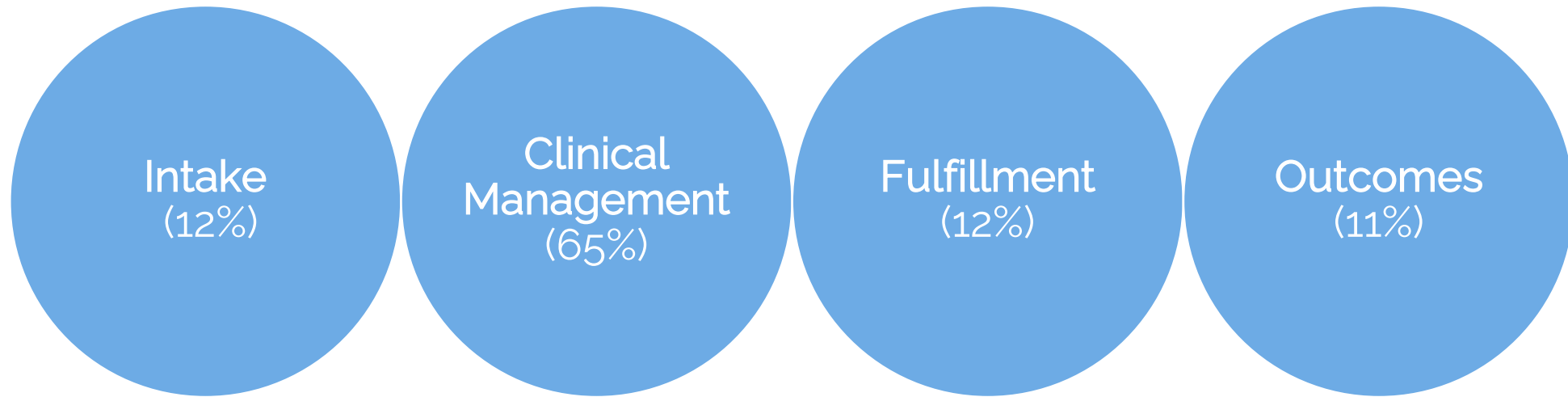
The Certified Specialty Pharmacist (CSP) credential is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and is the **only** accredited Specialty Pharmacist credential.



Test Development Steps



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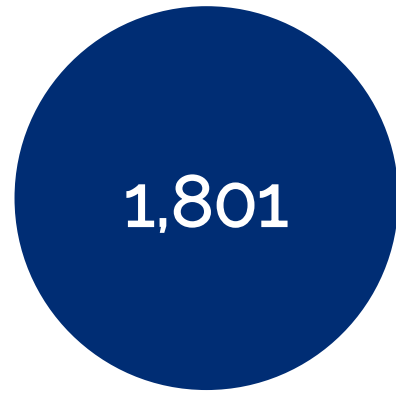


Disease States

- Inflammatory Diseases (20%)
- Oncology & Hematology (15%)
- Multiple Sclerosis (10%)
- Hepatitis (6%)
- Cystic Fibrosis (6%)
- Neurology (8%)
- Pulmonary (8%)
- Endocrine (5%)
- Infectious Disease (5%)
- Solid Organ Transplant (5%)
- Bleeding Disorders (5%)
- Cardiology (4%)
- Immunoglobulin & Enzyme Deficiencies (3%)



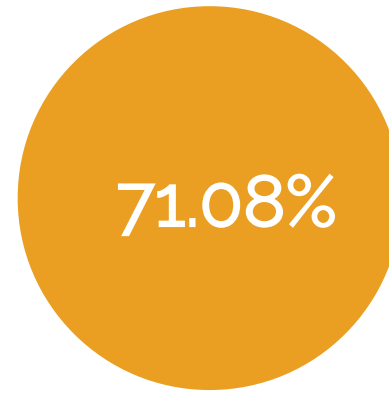
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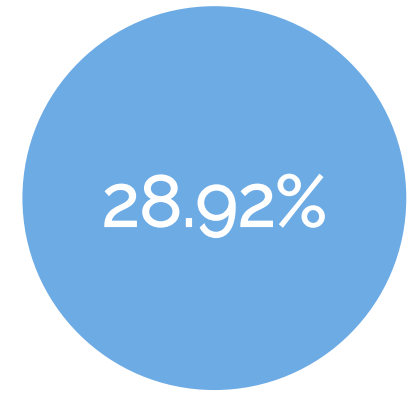
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Recertification



Pass Rate



Fail Rate

Examination Data

- 125 Multiple-Choice Items
 - 25 Items are Non-Scored Pre-Test Items Scattered Throughout the Exam
- Computer-Based Examination with a Two (2) Hour Time Limit
- Offered in English Only
- Administered Year-Round in Six (6) Testing Windows
- Administered On-Site at PSI Testing Centers Nationwide and in Canada
- Results Available Immediately



CSP Eligibility

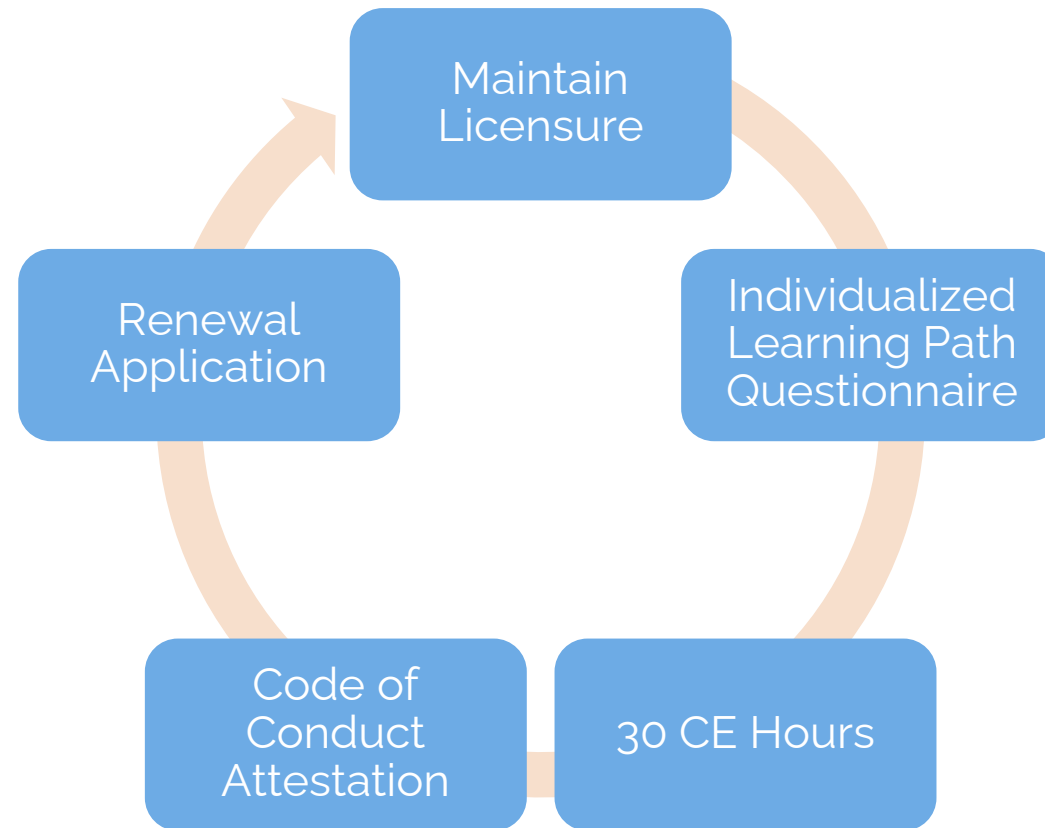
- **Education:** BS Pharm or PharmD
- **Licensure:** Active pharmacist license in good standing, with no current restrictions or pending actions in the United States or Canada.
- **Background:** No previous history of felony convictions.
- **Continuing Education:** Completion of thirty (30) hours of ACPE approved specialty pharmacy continuing education in the previous two (2) years.
- **Experience:** 3,000 hours of Specialty Pharmacy practice in previous four (4) years.
- **Background, Code of Conduct, and Application Accuracy Attestation**
- **Passing Score on CSP Exam**



Application Process



Maintaining the Credential



SUMMARY

How has the CSP helped me?

Reflection: How could working toward the CSP and eventually gaining the CSP help you?





Thank You

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