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To employers  
To colleagues  
To the industry  
To yourself.



**Become a Certified Specialty Pharmacist (CSP™)**

Why Earn the CSP™ Credential? PROVE IT. To employers. To colleagues. To the industry. To yourself.

The Certified Specialty Pharmacist (CSP) credential is available to specialty pharmacists looking to elevate their careers. Available exclusively through the Specialty Pharmacy Certification Board (SPCB), CSP certification is the only industry-wide opportunity available that helps to improve your marketability in one of the fastest growing sectors within the pharmaceutical industry—Specialty Pharmacy. CSP elevates your career, your organization and the entire Specialty Pharmacy industry.

As a specialty pharmacist, earning the CSP:


- Leads to career advancement, increased job portability and improved marketability
- Validates your experience and increases your professional credibility
- Distinguishes the specialty pharmacy profession
- Differentiates you in a competitive job market
- Protects your patients
- Demonstrates your commitment to continued professional development
- Provides personal satisfaction and accomplishment
- Increases recognition by colleagues and employers

**Apply for your CSP Certification Now!**

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The CSP benefits specialty pharmacy employers and the industry by:

- Providing a dependable approach to identify top talent within the industry
- Supporting a measurable way of evaluating and rewarding employees
- Reinforcing that certified employees possess the most up-to-date expertise
- Maintaining quantifiable, objective benchmarks to ensure employees possess the very highest skill level
- Helping professionalize the field to outside industries
- Defining a career path for specialty pharmacists
- Highlighting the most skilled workforce


Stand out within one of the fastest growing sectors in the pharmaceutical industry by earning the CSP credential.

You already have the knowledge. Why not prove it?

For more information about earning the CSP distinction, click on the Certification tab, download the [Candidate Handbook](#) or contact the Specialty Pharmacy Certification Board (SPCB) at [csp@naspsnet.org](mailto:csp@naspsnet.org).



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**NCCA-Accredited Certification Program**

The Certified Specialty Pharmacist (CSP) credential has been accredited by the [National Commission for Certifying Agencies \(NCCA\)](#) since 2015. NCCA accreditation signifies that the CSP program has been impartially reviewed and found to meet national certification standards for the development and operation of credentialing programs.

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### Candidate Handbook

For specialty pharmacists interested in CSP certification, the starting point is downloading the [Candidate Handbook](#) for a complete description of candidate information and Certified Specialty Pharmacist (CSP) certification policies. After reviewing the Candidate Handbook, if you meet the eligibility requirements — [applying for certification](#) is the next step.

### Eligibility Requirements

To take the CSP exam, applicants must meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

- 1. Education:** BSPharm or PharmD
- 2. Licensure:** Current, active pharmacist license in good standing, with no restrictions or pending actions, in the United States or Canada
- 3. Background:** No previous history of felony convictions
- 4. Continuing Education:** Complete 30 hours of Specialty Pharmacy continuing education in the previous 2 years. All continuing education hours must be related to topics included on the CSP examination content outline.
- 5. Experience:** 3,000 hours of Specialty Pharmacy practice in the previous 4 years. See [Meeting the Experience Requirement](#) section of the Candidate Handbook for more information. Employer Verification forms may be submitted by the employer electronically through the application system or by completing the hard copy version of the [SPCB Employer Verification Form](#) and uploading it to the application.
- 6. Code of Conduct:** Candidates and candidates have the obligation to practice Specialty Pharmacy in a manner consistent with the certification standards and responsibilities set forth in the Code of Conduct found in the Candidate Handbook. Applicants must attest to uphold the Code before submitting an application.

Candidates who meet all of the requirements and achieve a passing score on the CSP examination are awarded the CSP credential.

View the Candidate Handbook for additional information regarding the eligibility requirements.

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## Certified Specialty Pharmacist

Applications for the first CSP examination offered in April 2019 are due by March 15th, 2019. The final CSP examination in 2019 will be offered from October 1st to November 15th and applications will be due by September 15th, 2019.

[Apply Now](#)

NASP is now offering the CSP Exam Prep Course on-line. Enroll in our prep course to improve your knowledge, which may assist in your preparation for the certification.

The CSP Exam Preparatory Course will cover aspects of Clinical, Fulfillment, Intake and Outcomes that might be expected on the exam. Join expert faculty as key areas of specialty pharmacy and the specialty pharmacist's role are discussed. Key topics include the fundamentals and considerations for the patient intake process, as well as fulfillment workflows, quality assurance and dispensing channels. Outcomes measures and standards are covered, and clinical modules review persistence and adherence, specialty drug classes, indications, interactions, and more.

The NASP's CSP Exam Preparatory Course is optional and does not guarantee a passing score on the CSP examination.

Please note: As the CSP's governing board, the SPCB does not accredit, approve, endorse, or recommend any education or training programs and/or products designed or intended to prepare candidates for certification. SPCB has no involvement in the development or delivery of such programs or products.

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[Register for the CSP Prep Course](#)

The Candidate Handbook, which includes eligibility requirements, information on how to apply, scheduling your examination, preparing for the exam, what to expect on exam day, and maintaining certification, is available here. Information about the CSP exam content is available on the SPCB web site.

[Candidate Handbook](#)

[CSP Exam Content Information](#)

A directory of CSPs is available and additional information on the program and the exam is available on the SPCB website.

[CSP Directory](#)

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### Exam Application, Scheduling, and Administration

The exam is offered during two testing windows annually through computer-based administration at PSI test centers across the United States and Canada. Applicants are encouraged to [register](#) early in order to reserve an examination appointment at the location and time of their choice.

Testing Window	Application Deadline	Special Accommodation Form Deadline	Exam Scheduling Begins
April 1 – 30	March 15	February 28	February 1
October 1 – November 15	September 15	August 31	August 1

- Visit <https://candidate.psiexams.com/testdate/testdate.jsp> for a listing of testing sites.
- Download the [Candidate Handbook](#) for application information and instructions.
- View the [FAQs](#) tab for helpful exam application information.

Submit your [online application](#) today. Exam scheduling instructions will be sent to candidates after their applications are approved.

### Exam Content

The CSP examination is designed to assess the knowledge and skills required for certification in Specialty Pharmacy. The examination identifies individuals who have demonstrated competence to perform the required duties without harm to patients. The CSP examination is a 125 question, multiple-choice exam delivered via computer based administration. Of the 125 questions, 25 are pre-test questions that will not affect your score. Candidates have 2 hours to complete the examination session.


Job Analysis Studies are conducted every 5 years to identify and validate the knowledge and skills measured by the examination. The results of

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A variety of disease states associated with Specialty Pharmacy are included in the exam questions. Disease areas are listed in the [Candidate Handbook](#).


[CSP Examination Content Outline effective through November 15, 2019](#)

I. Intake	25%
II. Clinical Management	40%
III. Fulfillment	25%
IV. Outcomes	10%

[Download](#) the 2013 SPCB CSP Job Analysis Study Executive Summary, effective through the October/November 2019 exam window, to learn more.

[CSP Examination Content Outline effective beginning April 1, 2020](#)

I. Intake	10%
II. Clinical Management	65%
III. Fulfillment	10%



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### Exam Preparation

Candidates are encouraged to review the detailed Exam Content Outline included in the [Candidate Handbook](#) to develop their own study plan and prepare for the exam. A range of continuing education resources are available from a variety of providers for preparation on specific topic areas.

- NASP offers an [annual conference](#) and an optional CSP preparation course.\*
- NASP will offer the optional [CSP preparation course](#) at the National Home Infusion Association (NHIA) 2019 Annual Conference on Sunday, March 10.\*

*\*The SPCB's role is in developing and administering certification examinations to determine the qualifications of candidates for certification. The Board does not require, provide, or endorse any specific study guides, training or review courses. The SPCB, Board, certification staff members, certification committee members, and certification subject matter experts do not have involvement in the creation, accreditation, approval, endorsement or delivery of examination review courses, preparatory materials, educational programs, or training programs that prepare candidates for the CSP certification examination.*

### Special Accommodations

SPCB complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by providing candidates with a qualified disability the opportunity to participate in CSP certification activities by providing reasonable accommodations that do not negatively impact examination validity. For more information and to access the Request for Accommodations Form, please view the [Candidate Handbook](#).

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