

Specialty Training Framework



Criteria for becoming a Pharmacist Specialist in Oncology

Minimum qualifications:

1. Ordinary member of CPP
2. At least 4 years of experience as a registered pharmacist
3. Certification by a recognized overseas organization as a board certified specialist
E.g. Board Certified Oncology Pharmacists (BCOP) by The Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) of the United States of America

Additional requirements:

Professional practice hours

A minimum of 2000 hours in the following areas in oncology specialty with proof from supervisor or head of pharmacy department

Professional activities	Requirement (percentage of the total reported hours)
Direct Patient Care Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✧ Participation in clinical rounds, multidisciplinary ward rounds or case/ journal discussions to design, monitor, and evaluate patient specific pharmaceutical care plan✧ Pharmacist-led consultation clinic, direct patient counseling or patient education seminars/ support groups✧ Clinical screening and verification of medication orders	At least 70%

<p>Education, Training, and Research</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Involvement in review, standardization or development of related Medication Administration Records (MARs), dosing references, administration guidelines, protocols or patient care pathways ✧ Provision of drug information to healthcare professionals ✧ Provision of medication education (could be in the form of newsletter or bulletins) or presentations to healthcare professionals ✧ Compilation/ updating of patient education materials ✧ Related research projects or collaborations and drug use evaluations 	<p>No more than 20%</p>
<p>Other activities</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Supervision of compounding/ reconstitution of parenteral chemotherapy and targeted drug preparations ✧ Participation in re-engineering of/ quality assurance program on drug distribution system or risk management initiatives to uphold therapeutic efficacy and safety in oncology patient population ✧ Involvement in maintaining and updating of the local drug formulary affecting the oncology patient population ✧ Contribution to the oncology-related conferences or seminars 	<p>No more than 10%</p>

Conferment of Specialist status

Conferment of the specialist status by CPP takes place twice a year (June and December). Deadlines for application are 3 months prior to each conferment i.e. 31 March and 30 September

Application

Application forms are available at <http://www.cpp.org.hk>. The complete application dossier should be mailed to Room 1303, Rightful Centre, 12 Tak Hing Street, Jordan, Hong Kong

Maintenance of Specialist status

1. Active membership with CPP
2. Attainment of at least **45 contact hours** of continuing education activities related to oncology practice per three years starting from January of the year following conferment of the specialist status by CPP.

The following categories of continuation education credits will be considered as acceptable contact hours for maintenance of specialist status:

- A. Continuation education credits that are accepted by the US Board of Pharmaceutical Specialist for Oncology.
- B. With a proof of attendance, the continuation education credits organized by the following local authorities:
 - Hong Kong Society of Clinical Oncology
 - Hong Kong Cancer Therapy Society
 - ◆ One contact hour will be awarded for each hour of audience participation
 - ◆ A maximum of 4 contact hours for one whole-day programme
 - ◆ A maximum of 2 contact hours for one half-day programme
- C. With a passing score on the assessment, continuation education credits provided by
 - National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)
 - Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA)
- D. Invited lectures and presentations delivered at recognized institutions / meetings / conferences with physicians, nurses or pharmacists as target audience
 - Lectures and presentations delivered within the pharmacy department for in-house training will not be considered
 - For the same topic, only the first-time-delivery will be counted
 - Subject to CPP's final approval
 - 1 contact hour will be awarded for all sessions with a duration between 20 minutes to 1 hour
 - 2 contact hours will be awarded for all sessions above 1 hour

Note:

- i. The target audience should be physicians, nurses or pharmacists for all of the above activities.
- ii. The number of hours accumulated from each category of **B and D** should be no more than 10 contact hours.
- iii. The total number of hours accumulated from category **B, C and D** should be no more than 20 contact hours.
- iv. The contact hours gained from categories **A and C** are directly convertible to CPP contact hours on a 1:1 ratio.
- v. There will be no double counting of contact hours that meet more than one category.