

College of Pharmacy Practice 藥劑專科學院

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Introduction

In Hong Kong, there are about 2,000 registered pharmacists and they practice in different sectors within the healthcare system. With the advances in therapeutics and increase in clinical and public health needs, there is a need for the pharmacist to receive continuing education and be specialized in specific areas of practice.

The College of Pharmacy Practice was established in September 2010 as a non-profit independent professional body of pharmacists with the aim of elevating the standard of pharmacy practice in Hong Kong. Pharmacy practice encompasses all present and future roles of pharmacists in various areas of professional practice. The College expects that through continuing education and the qualification of pharmacist specialists, both the professional image of pharmacists and the public recognition of the pharmacy profession will be enhanced. The ultimate goal of the College would be legislative change rendering the College a statutory organization responsible for the registration of pharmacist specialist in Hong Kong.

Vision of the College of Pharmacy Practice To be recognized as an independent accreditation and recognizable professional qualifications granting authority for the advanced practice of the pharmacy

Mission of the College of Pharmacy Practice To ensure the highest possible professional standard of pharmacy practice in Hong Kong by providing formal accreditation of specialist training.

Liaise with appropriate training bodies to provide training in specialization

Accreditation of courses and pharmacist specialists

Improve Professional Standard

Mandate

- To establish specialties that align with current and/or unmet pharmaceutical needs
- To confer specialty credentials earned through continuing education and specialist training courses
- To certify and recognize specialty credentials earned outside of Hong Kong
- To recognize outstanding professional achievements and/or exemplary leadership that has advanced the pharmacy profession and raised its stature
- To serve as a unifying voice for the advanced practice training and/or accreditation of the pharmacy profession in Hong Kong
- To represent the pharmacy profession in the circle of colleges/academies of other healthcare professions

In line with this mandate, the College proposes to line up with local and overseas organizations in order to provide specialist training and to co-organize specialist qualification examination(s).

Ordinary Membership

Registered pharmacists in Hong Kong or from overseas, practicing in any healthcare setting (inclusive of academia, government, multinational pharmaceutical companies, local drug manufacturers) are eligible to become an Ordinary Member of the College.

Pharmacists may apply for ordinary membership by completing a membership application form and paying the prescribed annual membership fee. The application form is available upon request by email to enquiry.cpp@gmail.com

Benefits of Membership

- Priority and reduced enrolment fees for specialty training workshop(s)
- Eligibility for recognition as a College of Pharmacy Practice Specialist (upon satisfaction of the requisite criteria – see next page)
- Eligibility for recognition as a College of Pharmacy Practice Fellow (upon satisfaction of the requisite criteria – see next page)

Becoming a Pharmacist Specialist

An Ordinary member who has successfully completed specialist training course(s) and who has at least 5 years of experience in a specialty area recognized by the College may apply for the title of "Pharmacist Specialist".

Please refer to the details at the following page.

Becoming a Fellow

An Ordinary member with specialist title and who has practiced for at least 10 years is eligible to apply for Fellowship if he/she meets one or more of the following metrics of excellence:

- ✓ Distinguished contribution to the advancement of the pharmacy profession
- Outstanding technical management and leadership
- Distinguished record of significant publications of impact

Contact

For further details, please contact the College at:

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Email : enquiry.cpp@gmail.com

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Criteria for Becoming a Pharmacist Specialist

Ordinary members who meet the following minimum criteria are eligible for consideration of the "Specialist" title granted by the College:

- Have at least 5 years of experience in a specialty area recognized by the College, and
- 2. a. Have successfully completed a specialist training courses recognized by the College, or
 - b. Have been certified by a recognized overseas organization as a board certified specialist, or
 - Have established pharmaceutical care services or new initiatives for improving patient care (service description with outcomes achieved should be provided), or
 - d. Have a distinguished record of significant publications of impact.
- 3. The specialist is expected to have accumulated experience in teaching or training, either in local hospitals, teaching institutions or other institutions.

The above are considered minimum qualifications with which each case will be separately considered with specific criteria designed for each specialty area. The College reserves all rights to make the final decision on the accreditation of candidates.

Interested applicant must complete the application form and provide a short personal statement of his/her accomplishments supported by a bibliography, if pertinent, with description for meeting the above criteria. In addition, the applicant must obtain the nomination and support from one Fellow of the College or support from his/her current or previous supervisor(s) and lodged in the application together with the prescribed fees and all the required documentation.

Remarks:

- i. Specialty areas currently recognized: Pharmacotherapy, Oncology Pharmacy, Paediatric Pharmacy, Psychiatric Pharmacy, Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, and Geriatric Pharmacy.
- ii. List of specialist training courses and the recognition criteria will be announced in separate documents.
- iii. Currently recognized overseas organizations include the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) and Commission for Certification in Geriatric (CCGP) of the United States. Members can nominate other organizations for the College's consideration. The list of recognized organizations will be updated periodically and announced on the College's website.