



## News Release

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### CCGP Receives Accreditation from NCCA

March 8, 2012 - The Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy has received accreditation from the National Commission for Certifying Agencies. Certification programs that receive NCCA Accreditation demonstrate compliance with the NCCA's *Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs*, which were the first standards for professional certification programs developed by the industry. The term of accreditation is five years, through the end of January 2017.

"The accreditation by NCCA is a major milestone in the history of CCGP," stated Jag Khatter, chairman of the Board of Commissioners of CCGP. "The value of the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist credential is enhanced by having this national recognition." Over 1,800 pharmacists are currently recognized by CCGP as Certified Geriatric Pharmacists.

The NCCA helps to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of a variety of individual certification programs that assess professional competency. The NCCA uses a peer review process to:

- Establish accreditation standards;
- Evaluate compliance with the standards;
- Recognize programs which demonstrate compliance; and
- Serve as a resource on quality certification.

More information about NCCA is available at their Web site:

<http://www.credentialingexcellence.org/ProgramsandEvents/NCCAAccreditation/tabid/82/Default.aspx>

The Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy (CCGP) is a nonprofit corporation created by the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP). CCGP, now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, was created to oversee the certification program in geriatric pharmacy by establishing eligibility criteria and other program policies. CCGP is autonomous from ASCP, with its own governing Board of Commissioners, and is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies. Visit the CCGP Web site at [www.ccgp.org](http://www.ccgp.org).