



Commission for Certification  
in Geriatric Pharmacy



## ATTENTION STUDENTS!

*Why should a pharmacist be board certified in geriatrics?*

- ✓ *Growing elderly population*
- ✓ *Ideal for MTM services*
- ✓ *Only credential in geriatrics for pharmacists*
- ✓ *Internationally recognized*
- ✓ *NCCA Accredited Program*
- ✓ *Our history of excellence*

*The purpose of the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist (CGP) credential is to identify and recognize those pharmacists who have expertise and knowledge of drug therapy principles for older adults.*

## INTRODUCTION TO CCGP

Only one credential has been established to recognize pharmacists with expertise in the care of older adults and the provision of medication therapy management services to geriatric patients—the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist (CGP), administered by the Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy.

The CGP examination is computer-based and is offered at test centers around the United States, in Canada, and in many other countries. The examination is 150 multiple-choice questions, and is offered throughout the year. **A candidate must have a current pharmacist license with two years of experience as a pharmacist to be eligible to take the examination.** See more details at: [www.ccgp.org/candidate](http://www.ccgp.org/candidate)

The initial cost of the examination is \$600. If the pharmacist passes the examination, payment of the certification administration fee (\$250) is required to complete the process. The length of the certification period is five years. The recertification cost is \$400, plus the \$250 administration fee.

Recertification may be accomplished by retaking the examination, or by completing 75 hours of CCGP approved continuing education per five-year cycle (15 hours per year).

### ***Quarterly Registration Deadlines to take the CGP Exam***

Register by March 15 to take the exam in April/May

Register by June 15 to take the exam in July/August

Register by Sept. 15 to take the exam in Oct/Nov

Register by Dec. 15 to take the exam in Jan/Feb

## LEARN ABOUT GERIATRIC PHARMACY

It is never too early to begin learning about geriatric pharmacy practice and the use of medications in older adults! CCGP has a website with a variety of links to geriatric books, journals, clinical practice guidelines, and more. The link is:

[www.ccgp.org/GeriPharm](http://www.ccgp.org/GeriPharm)

