

BCPS 2022 Preparation, Content Outline, Exam Information and Study Materials

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Specialty	Initial Certification			Recertification		
	# Examinees	# Passed	% Passed	# Examinees	# Passed	% Passed
Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist (BCACP)	500	318	64%	44	24	55%
Board Certified Cardiology Pharmacist (BCCP)*	93	41	44%	--	--	--
Board Certified Sterile Compounding Pharmacist (BCSCP)*	194	130	67%	--	--	--
Board Certified Critical Care Pharmacist (BCCCP)*	334	264	79%	--	--	--
Board Certified Geriatric Pharmacist (BCGP)	193	84	44%	54	38	70%
Board Certified Infectious Diseases Pharmacist (BCIDP)*	220	153	70%	--	--	--
Board Certified Nuclear Pharmacist (BCNP)	5	2	40%	1	1	100%
Board Certified Nutrition Support Pharmacist (BCNSP)	95	89	94%	9	9	100%
Board Certified Oncology Pharmacist (BCOP)	307	165	54%	42	28	67%
Board Certified Pediatric Pharmacy Specialist (BCPPS)*	162	105	65%	--	--	--
Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS)	2,167	1,350	62%	216	158	73%
Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist (BCPP)	128	80	63%	16	13	81%

About The Exam

- 175 Questions
- Multiple Choice – 1 Answer; 4 possible choices
- Generic names
- Review content outline domains
 - Pharmacotherapy
 - Application of Evidence to Practice and Education
 - Healthcare Systems/Population Health

Pharmacotherapy Section – BCPS Exam

- 65% of exam or approximately 114 questions
- Study Weaknesses
 - Start with most common topics
 - Diabetes, asthma, COPD, depression, pain management, etc.
 - NOT Thrombocytopenia, MS, etc.
- Two simple concepts in case based questions
 - Understand why you would select a medication
 - Understand why you wouldn't select a medication

Pharmacotherapy Section – BCPS Exam

- Be prepared to analyze case scenarios
- Drugs selection
 - Contraindications, warnings
 - Compelling indications
 - Guidelines
 - Major and unique adverse effects
 - Monitoring parameters
 - Major drug interactions
 - Genetic considerations (i.e. allopurinol, carbamazepine, abacavir)
- Don't heavily focus on dosing (exception anticoagulation, certain antibiotics, boxed warning)

Application of Evidence to Practice and Education

- 25% of Exam (44 questions)
- Statistics
 - Testing based upon type of data (ordinal, nominal, continuous)
 - P-values
 - Power
 - Data interpretation
 - Some calculation (i.e. NNT, ARR)
- Level of evidence in clinical literature
- Teaching Strategies

Healthcare Systems and Population Health

- 10% of the exam (17 questions) – historically referred to as regulatory
 - Medication use evaluation
 - ADR reporting
 - Function of P&T, formulary
 - Vaccinations
 - Population health
 - Quality metrics, standards
 - Drug approval process

Meded101 BCPS Study Materials

- 25+ Hours – Video Review Course; updated annually
 - Over 20 videos updated in late 2021
 - Downloadable slides (PDF) 1,000+
- Online Question Bank – 1,000+ questions, answers, explanations
 - Reviewed in late 2021
- Two, 175 Question Downloadable Practice Exams (1,300+ questions in total package)
 - Identical format to BCPS exam
- Statistics study guide
- Regulatory study guide
- Comparison Tables
- 1 year or 6 month access

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- Question Bank Only Option
 - 1 month or 3 month Access
- Online Question Bank – 1,000+ questions, answers, explanations
 - Reviewed in late 2021
- Two, 175 Question Downloadable Practice Exams (1,300+ questions in total package)

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- ***“I purchased both courses from ASHP and ACCP. Your questions give the material from ACCP a run for its money, inasmuch as you present valid, valuable clinical information.” – Mary B.***
- ***“I was surprised by the ease it took me to understand the key concepts while reviewing your BCPS study guide. It was very reader-friendly and well written. For someone like me who has not had enough exposure to statistics, let alone biostatistics, it was of tremendous value.” – Mike M.***
- ***I would like to say thank you for your BCPS study material. Having practiced as a pharmacist for just over 10 years in Australia, I have always try to keep myself up-to-date with current guidelines, the latest evidence, and clinical knowledge. However, having failed twice previously, I needed guidance that is succinct and focused on pharmacotherapy and pharmacy practice in the US context – your study material provided exactly that. I have done basic biostatistics post-graduate and your stat study guide was a good revision for me (especially the table showing an overview of important statistical tests). I think your recently-added regulatory study guide was what really pushed me over the pass mark – that 32-pages was enough for me to understand the important roles each organization plays in the US healthcare system. – Alex Chan***

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