



Item Writers

Item Writers are responsible for crafting questions that might go into the item bank for the ExCPT. Item Writers are instructed on good item writing techniques and are agreeing to submit 20 items per year. ICPT will provide guidance on topics that are needed for the item bank. This work can generally be done independently and would not require travel on the part of the individual.

Expert Panel Member

The Expert Panel is responsible for reviewing items submitted for the ExCPT, correcting/changing them as needed and taking action on those items. Items could be rejected, revised, sent back to the writer, or accepted. Accepted items are then scored using a modified Angoff procedure and given an average difficulty index. Questions then will move into pilot rotation. Once the statistics on the pilot performance have been analyzed and there is sufficient evidence the questions performs well, it will to into an active rotation. Expert Panel members could be pharmacists or technicians and should have a well rounded practice background. Generally, members will need to participate in one - possibly two - meetings a year in a central location. ICPT covers all travel expenses. The Expert Panel members are appointed by the Certification Governing Committee.

Certification Governing Committee

The Certification Governing Committee is responsible for reviewing and establishing all policies and procedures related to the certification and credential granting processes. Members on this committee serve a three year appointment and are elected by the other members. There are nine members on this committee; five members are technicians, one is a public member and the rest are stakeholder representatives (community, hospital, LTC, buying groups, PBM, etc) and can be pharmacists.

Stakeholder Council

As the profession evolves and the role of pharmacy technicians in the profession of pharmacy changes, it is essential that employers, educators, regulators and practitioners have a voice. Participating on the ICPT Stakeholder Council is one way to have input into the future of pharmacy technician education, training and certification. Participants would be invited to attend 1-2 conference calls a year with the discussion topics published in advance. Participants would be serving an advisory role to ICPT and the priority initiatives for that year.