

Critical Access Hospital (CAH)

Certification Opportunities

Overview

Iowa Healthcare Collaborative (IHC) is proud to offer Certified Professional in Patient Safety (CPPS) and Certified Infection Control (CIC) certification opportunities to support Iowa CAHs in obtaining, improving and retaining critical skills and knowledge to perform various hospital clinical, quality and safety functions. We hope hospitals find these opportunities valuable and uniquely designed for optimal flexibility. **Certification exams are offered at no cost to hospitals but have limited seating.** Iowa Healthcare Collaborative and the Iowa Department of Public Health are not financially responsible for any exam prep materials. Thank you for your continued commitment to quality and safety.

Training Opportunity Details

Training Type	CPPS Certification	CIC Certification
Certification Organization	Institute for Healthcare Improvement	Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.
Process, Exam Access, Time Frame	Process: + Analyze the exam content (Link) + Study the CPPS Resource List (Link) + Review the Frequently Asked Questions (Link) about CPPS + Read the Candidate Handbook (Link) + Take the online CPPS Practice Exam (Link) or the CPPS Review Course (Link) Exam Access: If the IHC Compass team has an open spot for you to get this certification, the team will send you an e-mail with a link to get your exam scheduled along with further instructions. Time Frame: Approved participants must sign up by August 31 and will get 1 year to schedule and sit for the exam.	Process: + View the Certification Process Infographic (PDF) + Step-by-Step Instructions on How to Apply (PDF) Exam Access: If the IHC Compass team has an open spot for you to get this certification, the team will send you an e-mail with a link to get your exam scheduled along with further instructions. Time Frame: Approved participants must sign up by August 31. The exam needs to be completed within 90 days of being approved to test.
Training Description	The CPPS credential is earned by professionals who have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in the core standards of patient safety. This credential is awarded through a	The CIC examination is the standardized measure of the basic knowledge, skills and abilities expected of professionals working in the

Requirements to Participate	thorough examination covering five patient safety domains: + Culture + Leadership + Patient Safety Risks and Solutions + Measuring and Improving Performance + Systems Thinking and Design / Human Factors	field of infection prevention and control. The initial certification exam is an objective, multiple-choice examination consisting of 150 questions. 135 of these questions are used to compute the score.
	Candidates for the CPPS credential are those who include patient safety practices as an integral component of current or future professional responsibilities. Candidates must also possess academic and professional experience at one of the following levels:	Review the Eligibility Requirements Page (PDF). Candidates are required to submit the following documentation with their application:
	Baccalaureate degree or higher, plus three years of experience (includes time spent in clinical rotations and residency programs) in a healthcare setting or with a provider of services to the health care industry OR Associate degree or equivalent plus five years of experience (includes time spent in clinical rotations) in a healthcare setting or with a provider of services to the healthcare industry	+ Attestation Statement (PDF) (completed, signed and dated by current supervisor) + Proof of Degree (a diploma or transcripts) + Current CV/Resume + Official Job Description (must be signed by your immediate manager or supervisor)
	Candidates must also fill out the commitment form. After your submission, the IHC Compass HQIC team will notify you via e-mail if a spot is open for you to participate.	Candidates must also fill out the commitment form. After your submission, the IHC Compass HQIC team will notify you via e-mail if a spot is open for you to participate.

Website	Learn More	Learn More
	https://bit.ly/3nq4f9c (Link)	https://bit.ly/3b8pnqo (Link)

Commitment Form

Fill Out the Commitment Form

<https://bit.ly/3v7TqgR> (Link)

This is a one-time offering. IHC does not anticipate being able to repeat these opportunities in the future. A limited number of training spots are available per program. Selection will be based on a combination of factors including hospital participation in Flex program activities, performance need and training spot availability.

Questions?

Contact Melissa Perry at perrym@ihconline.org (e-mail) or contact your Clinical Improvement Consultant via e-mail.

Funding for these trainings was provided by the Health Resources Services Administration, Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) 93.241).

