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Certified Professional in Patient Safety™

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Certify Your Knowledge and Demonstrate Your Expertise in Patient Safety

The Certified Professional in Patient Safety credential (CPPS) establishes core standards for the field and sets an expected proficiency level for those seeking to become professionally certified in patient safety. Nearly 2,000 professionals have earned the CPPS credential, representing all 50 US states and nine other countries. They are physicians, nurses, pharmacists, patient safety professionals, quality and risk management professionals, health care executives, nonclinical health care professionals, and others with the requisite background.

Why Certify?

This professional certification program

- Establishes core standards for the field of patient safety, benchmarks requirements necessary for health care professionals, and sets an expected proficiency level
- Gives those working in patient safety a means to demonstrate their proficiency and skill in the discipline
- Provides a way for employers to validate a potential candidate's patient safety knowledge and skill base, critical competencies for today's health care environment

Earn the CPPS Credential

Candidates for the CPPS credential are those who include patient safety practices as an integral component of current or future professional responsibilities. In addition, candidates must possess academic and professional experience at one of the following levels:

- Baccalaureate degree or higher plus 3 years of experience (includes time spent in clinical rotations and residency programs) in a health care setting or with a provider of services to the health care industry
- Associate degree or equivalent plus 5 years of experience (includes time spent in clinical rotations) in a health care setting or with a provider of services to the health care industry

CPPS Exam Content Outline

The CPPS examination tests candidates in five patient safety domains:

1. Culture
2. Leadership
3. Patient Safety Risks and Solutions
4. Measuring and Improving Performance
5. Systems Thinking and Design / Human Factors

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