

CCHP: Benefits of Professional Certification



The Early Years

- 1970 — American Medical Association Vice President Bernard Harrison participates in the American Bar Association's Commission on Correctional Facilities and Services. Inadequate health services in jails is identified as a major problem.
 - Prior to the 1970s there was an assumption of adequate medical care (or disregard)
 - The only medical “facility” is first aid (65.5%)
 - First aid is unavailable (16.7%)
 - No regularly scheduled physician available (28%)
 - No physician available on call (11.4%)
 - Available dentist (37.8%)
- 1973 — The AMA publishes results of its survey of health care in jails, and confirms a lack of services and standards. The AMA’s board of trustees allocates \$50,000 to plan a remedial program.

The Early Years

- 1975 — With funding from the Department of Justice's Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, the AMA's Jail Program is launched. Six state medical societies (Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Washington and Wisconsin) are selected as subgrantees and they in turn select jails in their states to serve as pilot sites. A total of 30 jails are chosen.
- 1976 — The **first standards for health services** in jails are developed as part of the AMA Jail Program and tested in the pilot sites. The AMA tests the nation's first accreditation program in corrections.

Major Court Decisions

- Supreme Court rule that prisoners have a right to be free of “deliberate indifference to their serious health care needs.”
 - » US Supreme Court: 1976 *Estelle v. Gamble*
 - »
- “We see no underlying distinction between the right to medical care for physical ills and its psychological counterpart.”
 - » 4th Circuit Court: 1979 *Bowring v. Godwin*
 - Extended the Estelle decision to mental health care.

Deliberate Indifference

- Conscious or reckless disregard of the consequences of one's acts or omissions
- Professional knows of and disregards an excessive risk to an inmate's health or safety

In the hundreds of cases following *Estelle v. Gamble* three basic rights have emerged:

- Right to access to care
- Right to care that is ordered
- Right to a professional medical judgment

NCCHC Standards that support the right to Access to Care

- Access to Care
- Hospital and Specialty Care
- Information on Health Services
- Receiving Screening
- Oral Care
- Nonemergency Health Care Requests and Services
- Emergency Services
- Segregated Inmates
- Patient Escort
- Basic Mental Health Services

NCCHC Standards that support the right to Care That Is Ordered

- Medical Autonomy
- Policies and Procedures
- Grievance Mechanism for Health Complaints
- Medication Services
- Clinic Space, Equipment and Supplies
- Diagnostic Services
- Continuity and Coordination of Care
- Chronic Disease Services
- Patients With Special Health Needs
- Counseling and Care of the Pregnant Inmate

NCCHC Standards that support the right to Professional Medical Judgment

- Responsible Health Authority
- Credentials
- Clinical Performance Enhancement
- Staffing
- Health Care Liaison

CCHP: NCCHC's Professional Certification Program



NCCHC Certification

- NCCHC pioneered corrections-oriented certification (1990) and administers the largest certification program in correctional health care: the Certified Correctional Health Professional.
- The CCHP is the most widely held correctional health care credential in the world, with approximately 4,000 individuals currently certified.
- It shows mastery of national standards and the knowledge expected of leaders in this specialized field; it raises the bar on quality and clearly delineates expectations and best practices.
- NCCHC offers advanced and specialty certifications
 - Advanced – CCHP-A (1993)
 - Nurse – CCHP-RN (2009)
 - Mental Health – CCHP-MH (2013)
 - Physician – CCHP-P (2015)

Why become a CCHP?

CCHPs said it best...

- “More **credibility** with department of corrections in the state where I am licensed”
- “Personal **satisfaction**”
- “The CCHP credential indicates to my **colleagues**, managers and patients a **commitment** to obtaining **knowledge** and providing a **higher level of care**.”
- “When it is **behind your name** both clients and the **staff recognize** I know what NCCHC expects.”
- “Increased **knowledge** and **awareness**; **improve functionality** in the correctional setting; **minimized** our **litigation**.”

NCCHC Certification



- Personal **accomplishment**
- Professional **credibility**
- **Mastery** of national standards
- Professional **competence** and **commitment**
- Validates specialized knowledge
- **Recognition** from colleagues
- **NCCHC's leadership** in setting standards for health services is **widely recognized** (AMA: 1970s)



Additional benefits

- New in 2021!

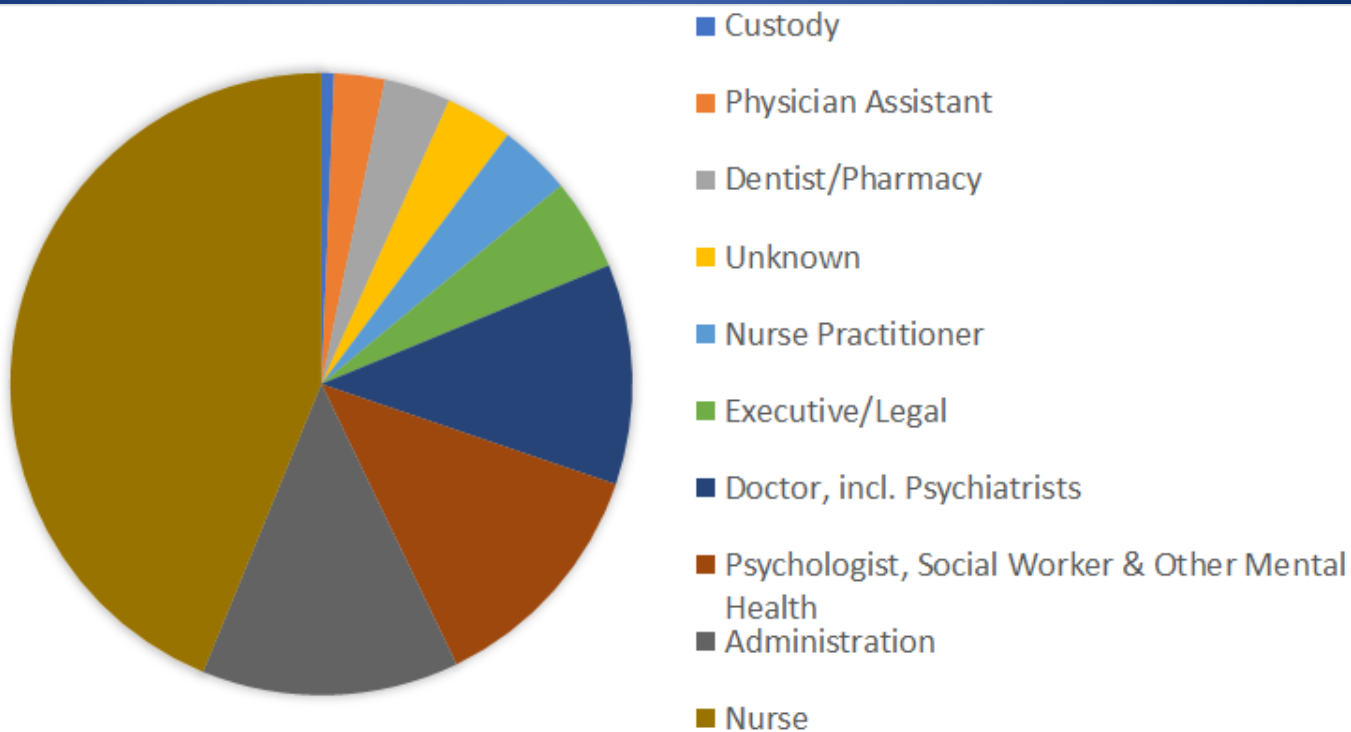
CCHPs receive a \$10 discount on new NCCHC webinars. You can access our webinars to help earn the required CE for your recertification. Click here to find a webinar:

[Find a Webinar](https://www.ncchc.org/cchp)

- CCHPs also receive a \$25 discount on NCCHC conference registration rates. This will help you earn continuing education credit toward recertification and enrich your professional development while enjoying the largest and most well-respected conferences in the field.



NCCHC Certification



- All correctional health professionals
- Content-based exam on NCCHC *Standards*
 - Launched 30 years ago
- Part of the eligibility criteria for discipline-specific and advanced certifications



CCHP Eligibility

- Correctional health professionals
 - Good character and professional reputation
 - No legal or ethical impediment to providing service in the correctional health care field
 - No restriction limiting you to the correctional setting
- There is no work experience requirement





Application

- Submit application
 - Online at <https://my.ncchc.org>
 - Complete application
 - You will need to upload your license copy/verification and current resume/CV. Once logged in, click on the **“My CCHP Certification”** tab
 - Applicants must complete their applications within 3 months of submitting the initial application.



Application Status

- Once the initial application has been submitted, instructions for completing the application are sent by email
- Once the application has been completed, email confirmation is sent and exam registration instructions are provided
- Applicants can login to their [myNCCHC](#) account to check their status by choosing the “**My CCHP Certification**” tab, then the “**Details**” button of the certification type in question (CCHP)
- This applicant needs to upload their CV/resume and license copy

Requirements

The following items are required in order to receive certification for this program.

Component Detail	Status	Units Earned
Application Completed and Paid	Approved	1.00
License Submission	Pending Approval	1.00
Resume Submission	Pending Approval	1.00
Passed Examination	Pending Approval	1.00



Exam Registration: NCCHC Conferences and Partner Sites

- See the online [exam calendar](#) for all upcoming paper and pencil exams
- Login to [myNCCHC](#) account and a new tab, "**Register for a CCHP Exam**" will be available
- Candidates must take the exam within **6 months** of their application approval

Registration is available once the CCHP application is complete and approved.



Exam registration: Test Centers and Online

- Taking the exam at a Prometric test center or online
 - Prometric will email approved candidates once per week with instructions on how to register
 - To see if there is a test center near you, [click here](#)
 - Candidates must take the exam within **6 months** of application approval
- *Registration is available once the CCHP application is complete and approved.*



Exam Development & Purpose

The CCHP Board of Trustees develop the content outline and develop and review questions

- The exam is constructed in keeping with the published percentages
- The purpose of the exam is to measure a candidate's knowledge, understanding of:
 - National standards and guidelines
 - Basic legal principles
 - Ethical obligations and
 - The role of health care professionals

...for the practice and delivery of health care in the correctional environment



Exam Preparation

- What is the Standard? What is the intent of the Standard? Compliance indicators, definitions, timelines, discussion section
- Self-study or study groups
- Refer to the [candidate handbook](#)
- Use the [reference materials](#)
 - *Standards for Health Services in Prisons*
 - *Standards for Health Services in Jails*
 - *Standards for Health Services in Juvenile Detention and Confinement Facilities*
 - *Correctional Health Care: Guidelines for the Management of an Adequate Delivery System* ([free download](#))



Exam Preparation: Review Courses

- An In-Depth Review of NCCHC's 2018 Standards for Jails and Prisons Preconference Sessions at NCCHC Spring and Fall Conferences
- On-demand online review course: [NCCHC Standards: An Essential Resource Prep for Certification](#)
- [Standards Review and Exam At Your Location](#)



Content Outline for exam (study proportionately)

- I. Governance and Administration (20-25%)
- II. Health Promotion, Safety, and Disease Prevention (10-15%)
- III. Personnel and Training (5-10%)
- IV. Ancillary Health Care Services (8-14%)
- V. Patient Care and Treatment (15-20%)
- VI. Special Needs and Services (12-18%)
- VII. Medical-legal issues (8-14%)
- **Sections I, V, and VI make up 47-63% of exam**



Exam Administration

- Proctored examination
- 80 – 100 multiple-choice, objective questions
- Two hours to complete the exam
- Exams are offered throughout the year at both NCCHC or partner exam sites as well as online and Prometric testing centers. Check the [CCHP exam calendar](#) for the most up-to-date information.



Exam Results

Typically released within 1-2 weeks

By email (1-2 weeks post exam)

- First (and fastest) notification of pass/fail
- Contains link for employer notification
- Link to banner for email signature

By mail (2-3 weeks post exam)

- Official letter
- Certificate
- Press release
- CCHP pin
- FAQs for recertification



Recertification Requirements

- Annual recertification
- \$100 annual recertification fee
- Continuing education: 18 hours of continuing education, with 6 specific to correctional health care
- Maintain licensure (if in a licensed position)
- No retest required



Maintaining CCHP Certification

- Annual recertification: 4 different cycles, depending on when you took the exam
- \$100 annual recertification fee
- CCHP benefits
- Recertification reminders
- Available online through NCCHC's website
- Continuing education requirement: 18 contact hours; 6 specific to correctional health care
- Maintain licensure
- Guidelines and [FAQ's](#) are available on [NCCHC's website](#)

Make the Decision Today

*Hear from CCHPs on how CCHP
makes a difference*



Questions?

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