CCHP-A: Advanced Certification for Seasoned Professionals

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What Is Advanced CCHP Certification?

- Recognizes CCHPs who have demonstrated excellence, commitment, and contribution to the field of correctional health care and their relative discipline or profession.
- Designed to assess experience in and knowledge of the delivery of health care services in correctional environments.

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“If you set an example for others and encourage colleagues to strive for a high standard of quality and professionalism, then you should take the next step and pursue advanced certification”

– Steven Shelton, MD, CCHP-P, CCHP-A

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Eligibility

• CCHPs minimum of 3 years
• Criterion-based approach: eligibility is based on one’s achievements
Advanced Certification (CCHP-A): A 2-Step Process

1. Acceptance of the CCHP-A application
   • The completed application typically takes between two and four weeks to be reviewed

2. Successful completion of the examination

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Elements of the Application

- Education & Training
- Employment
- Contribution to Profession
- CCHP Performance & Quality of the Application
- Additional information is available on our website: Elements of the Application

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Education & Training

- Formal Education
- Licenses and Certificates
- Job-Related Skills and Techniques
- Continuing Education / presentations

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Employment

- Time Spent in Health Care Profession
- Portion of Career Devoted to Correctional Health Care
- Responsibilities
- Professional Achievement
- Recognition

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Contribution to the Profession

• Service to the field of Correctional Health Care
  – Membership in Professional Organizations
  – Scholarship and Teaching
  – Leadership
  – Mentorship
  – Publishing

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CCHP Performance & Quality of the Application

- Years of Tenure as a CCHP
- CCHP Performance
- Achievement of CCHP specialty
- Quality of Application
- Quality of Supporting Letters

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Exam Content

• Proctored, written examination
• 8 essay questions
• 4 hours to complete the exam
• Questions are designed to measure depth of complex issues with multiple factors to be considered and weighed
• 360 degree questions
• Study current issues

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Preparing for the exam

Review

• Journals
• CorrectCare
• Publications
• Presentations

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The Examination

• The Advanced CCHP examination is administered at each NCCHC conference (see the Exam Calendar), at Prometric test centers and online.

• There is no charge to take the exam at a conference. Prometric charges a separate registration fee for the online or test center exam.

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Sample Question #1

During an administrative meeting with the Warden, you are informed that the facility has been designated to house a hospice unit to care for the terminally ill inmate throughout the state prison system. The Warden has asked you as the Health Administrator to create a plan for the development of this new unit.

Identify and discuss the systemic and operational issues that are involved in the creation of a hospice unit.

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Answering the Question

• Dissect the elements of the question
  – Identify and discuss....
  – ....the systemic and operational issues that are involved in the creation of a hospice unit.

• Create an outline

• Pace yourself

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Outline Your Answer

• Legal Issues
• State Licensing Regulation
• Stake Holders
• Advanced Directives
  – Living Will
  – DNR
• Medical Issues
• Staffing Issues
• Custody Issues
• Training

• Inmate Hospice Volunteers
• Visitation
• Structural Issues
• Interdisciplinary Team
• Funding
• Policy and Procedures
• Hospice Standards
• Other Issues ????
Exam Scoring and Reporting

- Candidates are notified of their exam results typically within four weeks
- Only a pass or fail is reported
- Candidates are first notified by email, which precedes the mailed packet
- A list of passing candidates will be published following each examination. No reference will be made to the names of candidates who have deferred taking the examination or have not attained a passing score.

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Maintaining Advanced Certification

• Must continue to recertify CCHP or specialty every year
• Every three years, annual CCHP-A recertification (no cost) which includes attestation of:
  – Attendance at a state, regional or national conference or meeting on correctional health care is required. Please verify your attendance with appropriate documentation.
  – Accomplishment of one or more of the following activities is required.
    copy of published article presentation
    letter of appointment to office copy of diploma, award
    award recipient
    created or implemented a special program or project

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