

CCHP-A: Advanced Certification for Seasoned Professionals



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**NATIONAL COMMISSION
ON CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE**



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.



- *“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*



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



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](https://www.ncchc.org/cchp-a)



Education & Training

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





Employment

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





Contribution to the Profession

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





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





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



Preparing for the exam

Review

- Journals
- CorrectCare
- Publications
- Presentations





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.



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.



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



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.

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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