

CCHP-CP: Specialty Certification for Correctional Clinical Providers





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- Specialty certification exclusively for physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants/associates working in the correctional setting and already CCHP certified
- Recognizing the work you do and the difference you make
- From the most widely-accepted correctional health care certification program



“In the community, and especially in corrections, NPs and PAs provide a huge amount of primary and emergency care. A specialty certification that defines what clinical providers need to know to be effective in corrections raises the level of quality in the field and promotes the idea of correctional health as a clinical specialty.”

- Jeffrey Alvarez, MD, CCHP-CP, CCHP-A

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current CCHP certification
- Unrestricted license (MD, DO, PA, NP) to practice in at least one state of the United States and be in good standing with that licensing board (for Canada and U.S. territories, credentials will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis)
- Practice in a provider role in the correctional environment over the course of at least three years (no minimum requirement of hours)
- • 18 hours of correctional health-specific continuing education within the past three years



Application

1. Submit application

- Online or
- Complete the application brochure (processing fee applies for paper applications)

2. Complete application

- Upload license copy/verification and current resume/CV if you applied for CCHP > one year ago, or if license expired recently. Once logged in, click on the “**My CCHP Certification**” tab



Application Status

- Once the initial application has been submitted, instructions for completing the application are sent by email
- 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-CP)

- Once the application has been completed, email confirmation is sent and registration instructions are provided

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

- This applicant needs to upload their CV/resume and license copy



Registration

- Registration is available once the CCHP-CP application is complete and approved.
 - Taking the exam at NCCHC conferences and selected 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
 - Taking the exam at a Prometric test center:
 - Prometric emails approved candidates within a week with instructions on how to register



Exam Preparation

- Refer to the candidate handbook and test overview guide
- Use the reference materials
- Resources that may be studied to prepare for the exam include NCCHC position statements and other resources listed on the NCCHC website. Candidates also may wish to review general textbooks in internal medicine, pediatrics, mental health, correctional medicine and others that address conditions and situations commonly encountered in a correctional environment.



Content Outline

- I. Clinical Management (30-40%)
- II. Security (3-5%)
- III. Mental Health (10-15%)
- IV. Public Health (6-12%)
- V. Legal and Ethical Issues (8-12%)
- VI. Administrative Issues (8-12%)
- VII. Substance Abuse (10-15%)

TIP: study proportionately



Exam Administration

- Proctored examination
- 70 – 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 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-CP pin
- FAQs for recertification



Recertification Requirements

- Annual recertification
- \$100 annual recertification fee, includes both CCHP and CCHP-CP
- Continuing education: 18 continuing medical or nursing education contact hours, with 6 specific to correctional health care
- Maintain licensure
- No retest required

Questions?

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