

New CBIC initiatives in 2020



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AS I MENTIONED in my Summer 2019 *Prevention Strategist* column, the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC) has been hard at work to see the 2019–2022 Strategic Plan come to fruition. I’m happy to announce that the first steps of CBIC’s transformative journey have begun.

As you may be aware, during the APIC 2019 Annual Conference in Philadelphia in June, CBIC announced two new Board-approved initiatives for 2020:

- **CIC® recertification alternate pathway: Continuing education (Infection Prevention Units):** This method of recertification will be available to all candidates eligible for recertification starting in 2020, as an alternate method to recertification by examination.

To recertify via the new alternate pathway, candidates must demonstrate proficiency and expertise in infection prevention and control (IPC) by continuing competency achieved through continuing education. Activities to demonstrate IPC proficiency and expertise may include, but are not limited to, IPC-related academic education, research, publications, presentations, and more. The current method of recertification by examination will continue to be offered.

- **Entry-level pathway: Associate—Infection Prevention and Control (a-IPC):** The a-IPC is tailored to individuals interested in a career within the profession or to those who currently do not meet eligibility criteria to sit for the CIC®. With this addition, CBIC is creating a pathway for novice infection preventionists that will lead them to the CIC® credential. The a-IPC will be available in early 2020.

More information regarding specifics of these new initiatives will be released in the coming months.

Please watch for CBIC newsletters, website updates, and social media to stay abreast to these and other announcements. To sign up for the CBIC and CIC® newsletter, please visit: <http://bit.ly/CICNewsletter>.

If by chance you are attending the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) National Magnet Conference in Orlando, Florida, this October, please stop by CBIC’s booth #1631 to learn more about these exciting new initiatives!

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to thank the CBIC Board of Directors and CBIC staff for making these initiatives a reality. The entire team worked tirelessly throughout the past several months to ensure success. There is much more to do—and we are on it! Thank you all for your constant support toward certification!

Cheers,

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