


CBIC Certification Overview



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Where are you
joining us from
today?



- CBIC Executive Director
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Human Resources
- Project Management Certified
- 10+ years experience in healthcare certification and licensure

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What is CBIC?

Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.

Voluntary, autonomous, multidisciplinary board

Mission: Provide pathways to demonstrate and maintain competence in infection prevention and control.

Vision: A world free of infections through demonstrated professional competency.



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Infection Control and Epidemiology

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Why are you
considering
certification?

CBIC Examinations

- Certification in Infection Control (CIC[®]) Examination



CBIC Examinations

- Associate-Infection Prevention and Control (a-IPC™) Examination
- Long Term Care Certification in Infection Prevention (LTC-CIP)



Certificate *versus* Certification

A *certificate* is awarded following the completion of a course or series of courses that provides education and training around an intended learning outcome.

A ***certification*** is awarded following successful completion of a **comprehensive** examination process and provides an independent assessment of the knowledge, skills, and/or competencies required for competent performance of an occupation or professional role.

The Value of the CIC®

“CIC supports higher salary compensation, increases job satisfaction through a structured career development framework, improves patient outcomes, advances evidence-based infection prevention practices, and is valued by the public and within the health care industry.”

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Impact of Certification

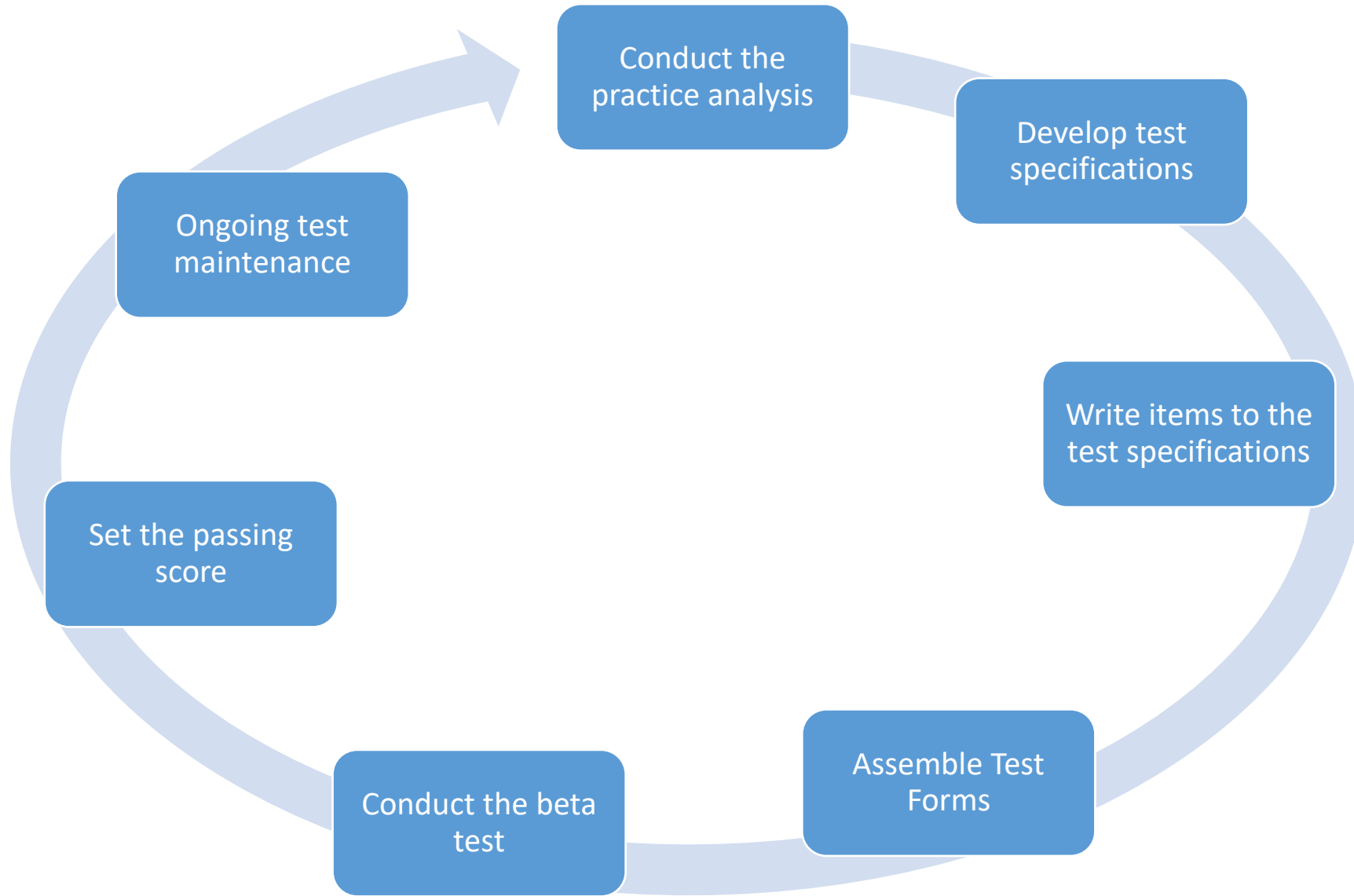
- CIC IPs may have a stronger understanding than other practitioners of the evidence for certain IPAC practices
- CIC IPs are more likely to recommend implementing them in the hospitals where they work-
and especially when the lead IP is certified.
- Hospitals hiring certified infection preventionists were more likely to implement certain infection prevention practices

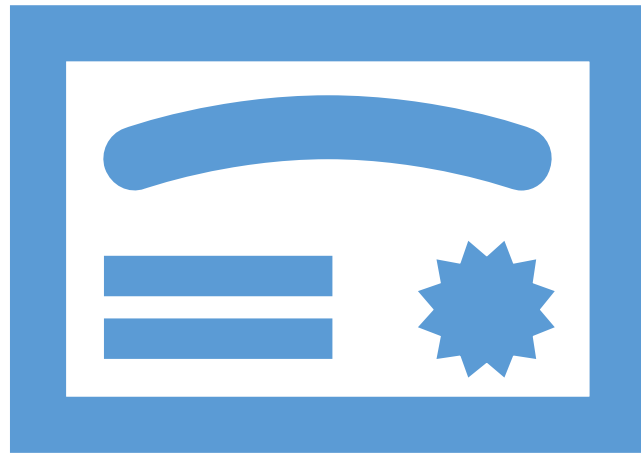
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*CBIC Exam
Development Cycle*







How to prepare for IPC certification- Step 1

Review the eligibility guidelines and understand the differences between certifications. These guidelines are designed to set candidates up for success on exam day.

CIC[®] Eligibility Guidelines

1. Completed post-secondary education in a health-related field including but not limited to medicine, nursing, laboratory technology, or public health. Post-secondary includes public or private universities, colleges, community colleges, etc.
2. Direct responsibility for the infection prevention program activities in a healthcare setting

CIC[®] Eligibility Guidelines

3. Work experience:

- At least one-year full-time employment **OR**
- Two (2) years part-time employment **OR**
- Completed 3,000 hours of infection prevention work experience earned during the previous three (3) years

a-IPC™ Eligibility Guidelines



No job-specific or education requirements to apply



Perfect stepping-stone to prove a candidate's foundational knowledge, interest, and dedication to the field.

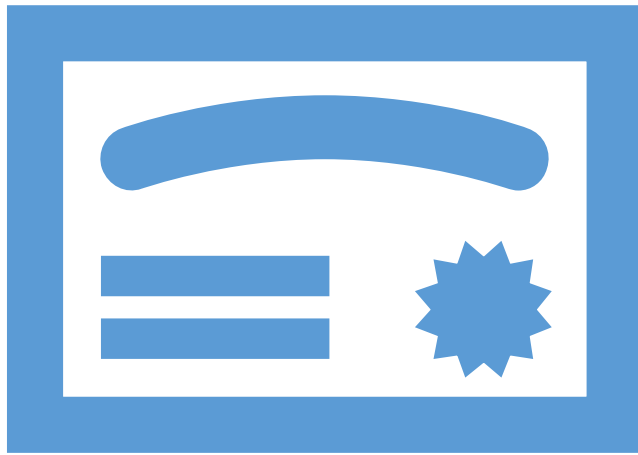
a-IPC™ Examination

- Entry-level certification examination is a measure of basic infection prevention knowledge.
- Intended for those interested in gaining expertise or pursuing careers in infection prevention and control.
- Successful certificants have a credential that demonstrates their level of interest and dedication to the field

LTC-CIP Eligibility Guidelines

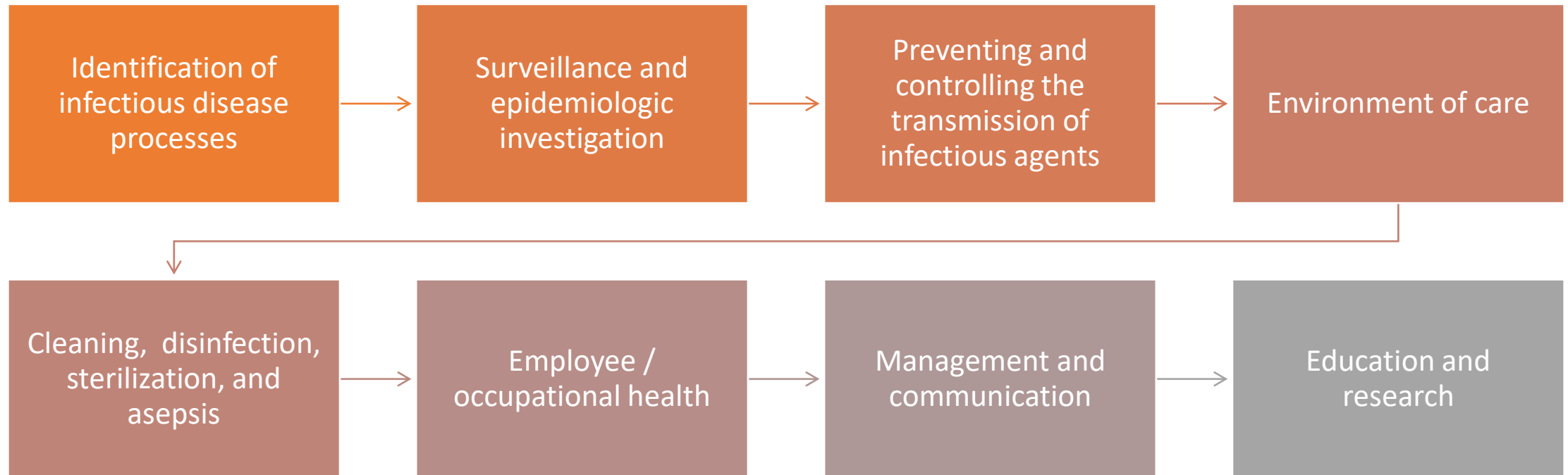
- Responsibility for the infection prevention and control programs/activities in a long-term care setting.
- Completed post-secondary education in a health-related field including but not limited to medicine, nursing, laboratory technology, public health, or biology. Post-secondary includes public or private universities, colleges, community colleges etc.

How to prepare for certification- Step 2

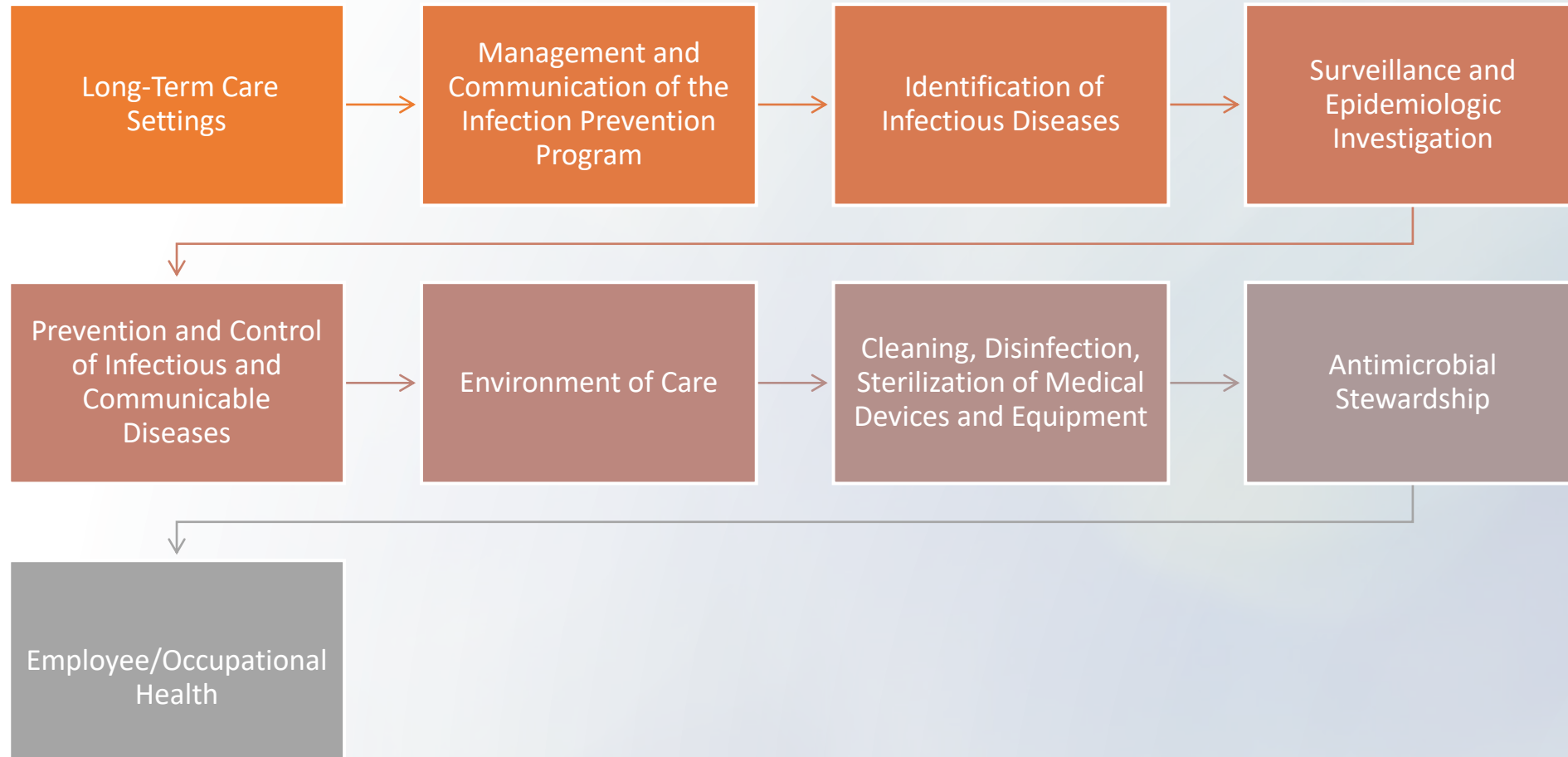


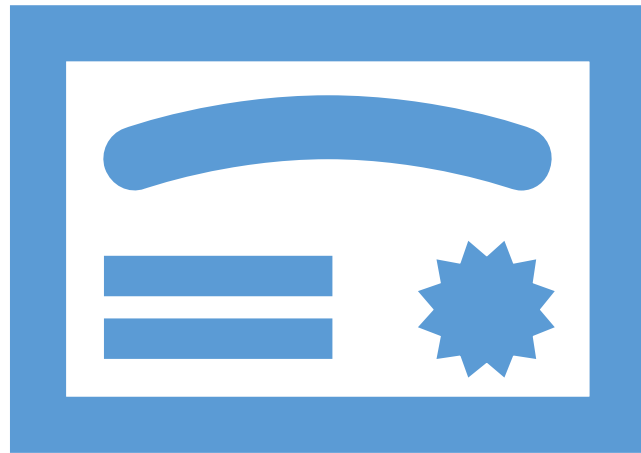
Review the examination content outline.

CIC[®] & a-IPC Content Outline



LTC-CIP content outline





How to prepare for certification- Step 3

Develop a study plan and a timeline – work backwards from when you would like to take the exam.

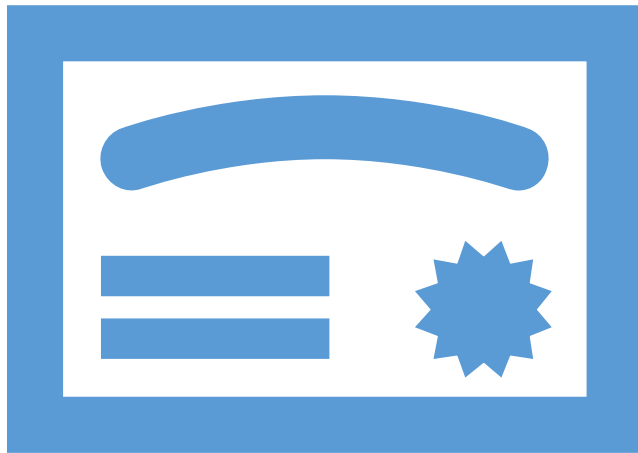
Helpful hints:

- Take a practice test. Use the results to determine where you should focus your studying.
- Review questions you answered incorrectly and **learn** from those questions.
- Review the [primary and secondary resources](#) used to develop the examination.
- Develop a study plan and dedicate time each day to reviewing content.
- Keep flashcards with you to study on-the-go.

Helpful hints:

- Join a study group! Learning with others can help with motivation. Celebrate your successes and help each other throughout the process.
- Follow the timing & break structure that is used on exam day
- Don't memorize – **understand** the content!

How to prepare for certification- Step 4



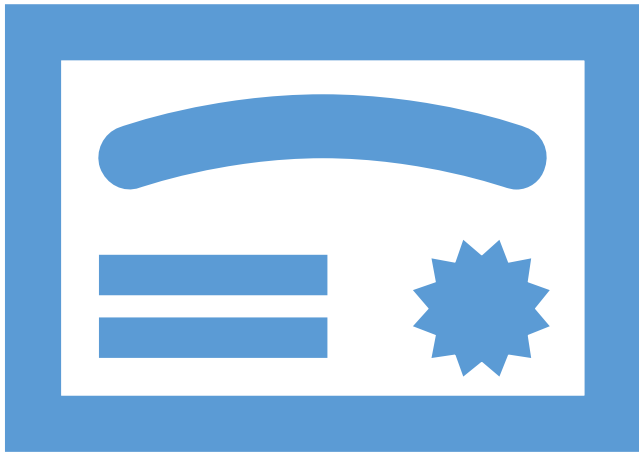
Review the CBIC Candidate Handbook

CBIC Candidate Handbook

- Candidates are responsible for reviewing the policies and information contained in the Candidate Handbook prior to applying for and becoming certified.
- Once a candidate has been approved to test, they are given a 90-day testing window.
- Schedule your appointment with Prometric as soon as you are approved to test. Appointments are first come first serve.
- Review the Prometric cancellation/rescheduling policy.

How to prepare for certification- Step 5

Prepare for exam day



Candidate Testing Experience

- CBIC partners with Prometric to deliver exams in a secure, proctored environment
- Prometric is a U.S. based company in the test administration industry and provides test development and delivery services

<https://www.prometric.com/>



Candidate Testing Experience

- Candidates can take the exam at a physical testing center or via Prometric's live remote proctoring option, Pro Proctor
- Testing is available 5-7 days a week depending on location





Prometric Testing Centers

- Located worldwide in 160+ countries
- Testing available 5-7 days a week during normal business hours
- Candidates are monitored throughout the exam in a secure environment

Pro Proctor

- Candidates can take the exam at home
- A live, remote proctor locks down the candidate's browser
- 360-degree environment check done of candidate workspace

Exam day tips:

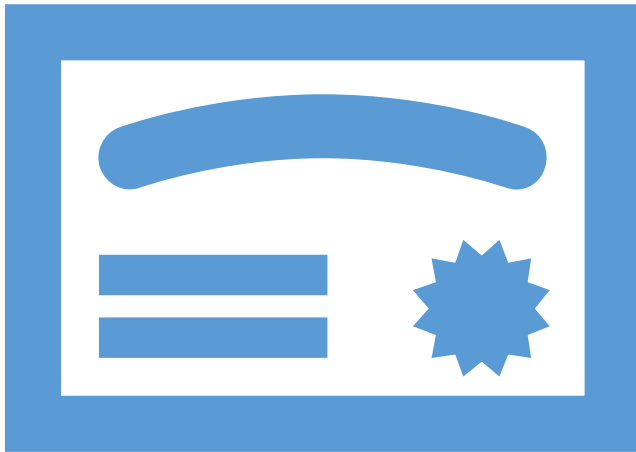
- If you are testing in a physical testing center – confirm your appointment date and time and familiarize yourself with the directions to the testing center.
- If you are testing remotely, prepare your workspace and perform the Prometric system check BEFORE your appointment.
- Arrive at least 30 minutes before your testing appointment to ensure you do not miss your appointment.
- Make sure your government-issued identification is valid with your signature and photograph.
- Leave study materials at home. Do not bring these items into the testing center or have them at your workstation during a remote exam.

After the exam

- Results are available immediately after submitting the post-examination survey.
- Passing candidates will receive a Pass message. No numerical scaled score is reported to passing candidates.
- Successful candidates should review information on the CBIC website on maintaining certification through continuing education (infection prevention units).
- Unsuccessful candidates will receive a score and performance level description.

Maintaining Certification

Understand your options & start early!



Recertification Overview



Certification is valid for five years from the year of successful examination.



Recertification takes place every five years



CIC/LTC-CIP recertification can be completed via continuing education/infection prevention units (IPUs) or examination. The a-IPC can be maintained via examination only.

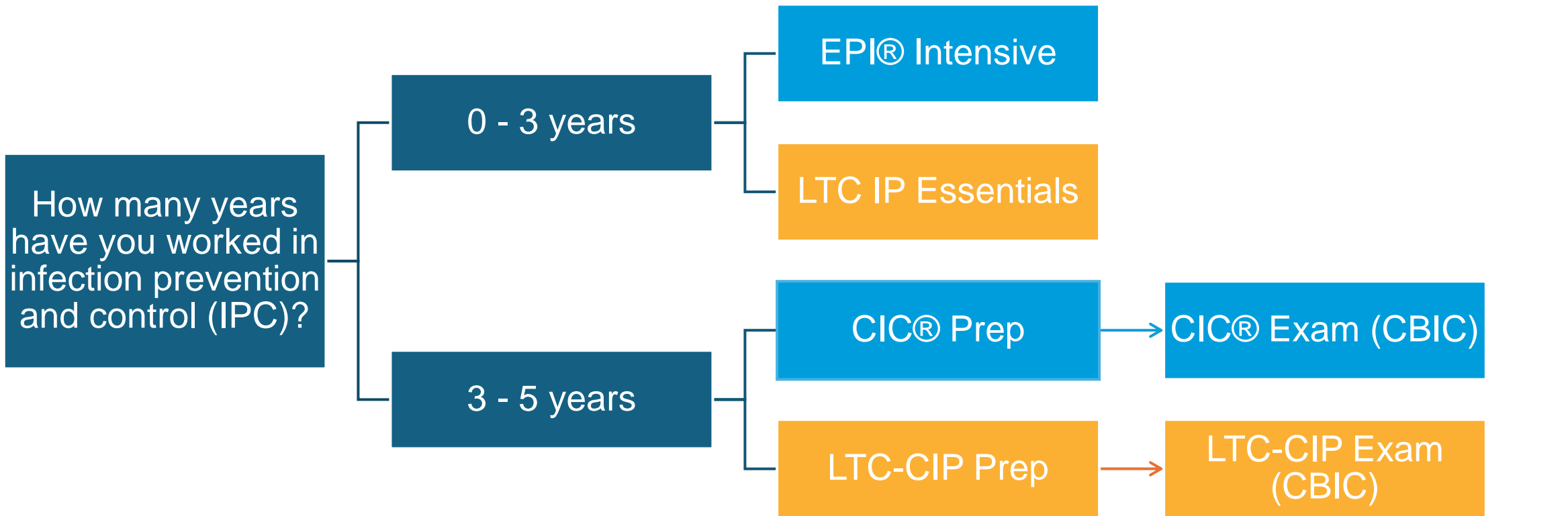
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IPC Training Opportunities



 Acute Care
 Long-Term Care (LTC)

Target Audience: IPs with 0 - 3 Years of Experience

EPI® Intensive

This course covers essential IPC training and competency-building for healthcare professionals in **acute care** facilities. Participants learn evidence-based best practices to develop an effective IPC program to protect patients, reduce risk, and comply with accrediting and regulatory requirements.

LTC IP Essentials

This course provides the foundation required for the role of the infection preventionist (IP) and the practice(s) of being an effective IP in a long-term care setting. Includes creating and managing successful IPC programs and mitigating risks in the facility. Additionally, course covers Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) required topics.

All training courses are available **online**; instructor-led delivered **virtually** (Zoom platform); and **in-person**. For details, contact specialprojects@apic.org.

Target Audience: IPs with 3 - 5 Years of Experience

CIC[®] Prep

This CIC review course teaches and reinforces the updated CIC exam syllabus in a flexible format, tailored to current knowledge gaps and learning styles.

LTC-CIP Prep

This LTC-CIP review course teaches and reinforces the updated LTC-CIP exam syllabus in a flexible format, tailored to current knowledge gaps and learning styles.

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Questions?
