

Skilled Nursing Facility Infection Preventionist Education Requirements

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Objectives

- Review CDPH skilled nursing facility (SNF) Infection Preventionist (IP) education requirements
- List resources for obtaining initial and annual infection prevention training courses
- Describe how to become certified in infection control and prevention (CIC)

Role of the SNF Infection Preventionist

- COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated and highlighted need for a SNF IP
 - Reporting requirements
 - Testing requirements
 - Appropriate cohorting
 - Outbreak response
 - Providing and tracking COVID-19 vaccination
- SNF IP will remain critical beyond pandemic
 - HAI and MRDO surveillance, IP education, adherence monitoring, annual risk assessment and plan, flu and pneumonia vaccination, reporting requirements, regulatory requirements, ...

A Competent Infection Preventionist

- Initial infection prevention training
 - RN or LVN who has completed an approved IP course (**≥14 hours**)
 - CDPH HAI Program on line course
 - CDC Nursing Home IP training course
 - Association for Professionals in Infection Control (APIC)
 - **Newly hired IP:** complete training course within 90 days
 - **Existing employee:** newly designated as IP, complete within 30 days

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Infection Preventionist Continued Education

- Continued education (CE) is necessary to stay current on new information, trends, best practices and to refresh existing knowledge.
 - Must attend at least 10 hours of infection prevention CE annually
 - Can job share, but both persons must complete the training and maintain annual CE requirements

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Where can the IP get Infection Prevention CE?

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Can more than one person fill the IP role?

Yes, 2 persons may fill the role if both complete the required IP training course and maintain 10 hours of CE annually

Can I just repeat the initial course the following year to count for CE?

- CDPH allows the IP to repeat the course to meet the IP CE annual requirement
- However, check with the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) as they may not allow an identical course to be repeated for BRN CE during the same licensure period

Is There an IP Competency Tool?

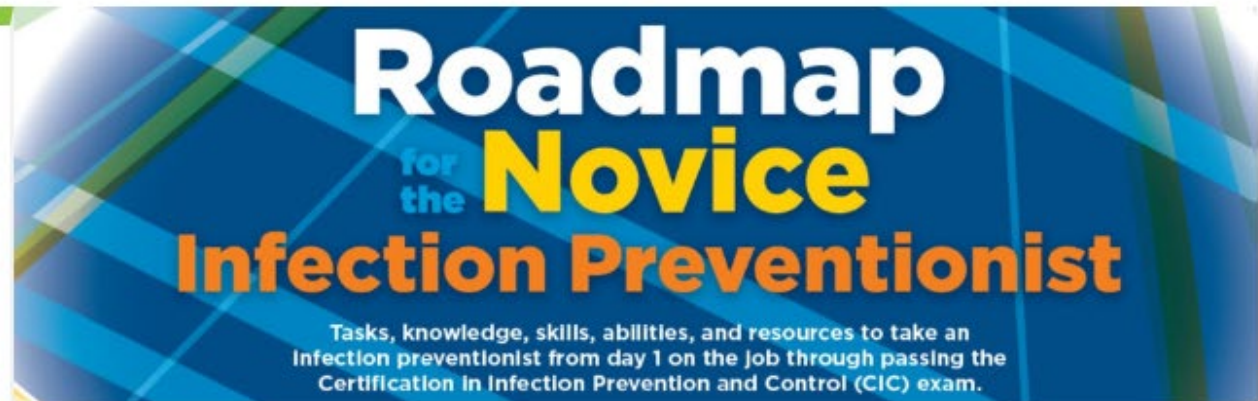
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- Overview
- Developmental path of the infection preventionist
 - Novice Roadmap for the Infection Preventionist
 - Proficient Practitioner Bridge

Includes:

- Checklist items
- Activities
- Supervisor Plan
- Certificates of Completion

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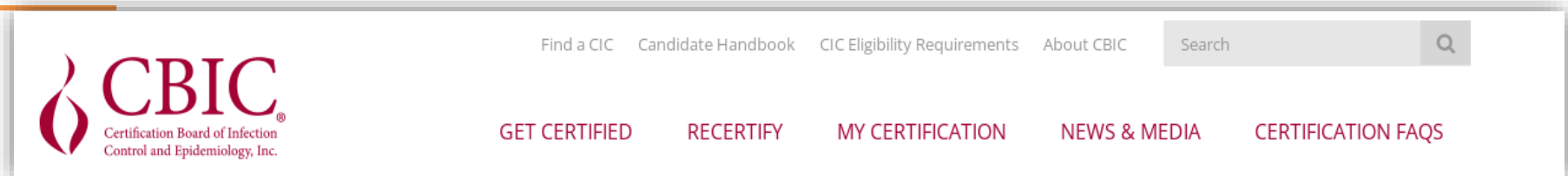
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How can the IP get “certified”?

- After completing the initial IP course, the new IP receives a certificate of completion, however, they are not “certified” in infection control and prevention
- To become certified in infection control (CIC) the candidate must meet the qualifications by the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc (CBIC)
- After passing a comprehensive written exam, the IP is certified for 5 years- and must meet additional requirements to recertify





Questions?

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