



CPPPS

CERTIFIED
PROFESSIONAL
IN PATIENT SAFETY

CPPPS Informational Call

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About CPPS

The Certified Professional in Patient Safety credential (CPPS)[™] is earned by professionals who have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in the core standards of patient safety by passing a rigorous and thorough evidence-based and psychometrically-sound examination.



Fully Accredited

- [Certified Professional in Patient Safety](#) (CPPS)TM program is fully accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), the accrediting body of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE)
- Provides independent affirmation that program achieves the highest quality standards in professional certification.
- Peer review process to establish accreditation standards, evaluate compliance with these standards, recognize programs which demonstrate compliance, and serve as a resource on quality certification.

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CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



NCCA BY ICE



The Most Recent CPPS Job Analysis

The content of the CPPS exam is informed by a comprehensive job analysis which occurs approximately every 5 years

Goal: identify the tasks performed and the knowledge required to be a competent practitioner

Most recent job analysis completed in 2023

Tasks

Specific work activities performed to fulfill job responsibilities

Knowledge

Information needed to fulfill job responsibilities

Content Domains

Grouping of knowledge topics, required to create an exam content outline



What is Covered on the Exam?

Certified Professional in Patient Safety (CPPS)

1 Culture

- A Culture of Safety
- B Leadership and Outreach

2 Systems Thinking, Human Factors Engineering, and Design

- A Systems Thinking
- B Human Factors Engineering
- C Design

3 Safety Risks and Responses

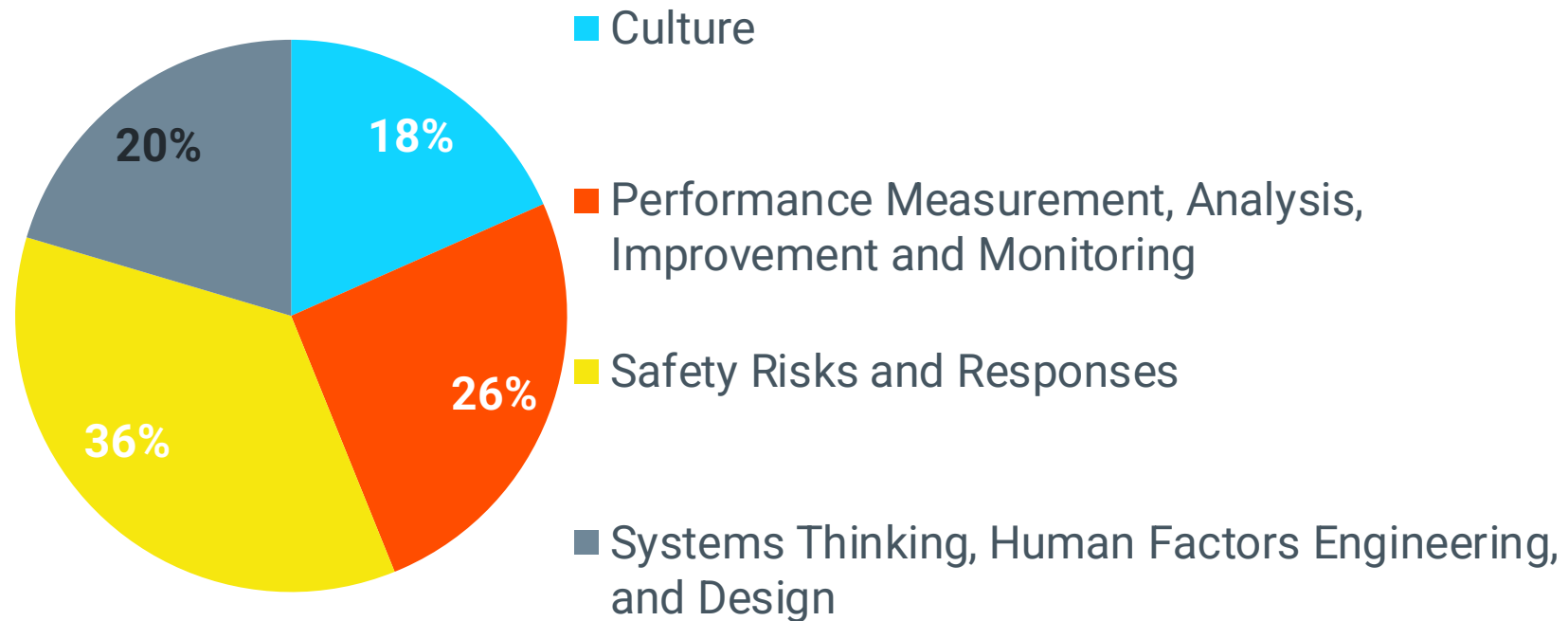
- A Risk Assessment
- B Risk and Harm Recognition
- C Barriers to Safety
- D Patient and Workplace Safety Responses

4 Performance Measurement, Analysis, Improvement and Monitoring

- A Measurement
- B Review and Analysis
- C Improvement and Sustainability



What is Covered on the Exam?



To view detailed content outline, click here:
<https://www.ihl.org/education/cpps/examination>



Why Certification is Important

Establishes core standards for the field of patient safety, benchmarks requirements necessary for healthcare professionals, and sets an expected proficiency level.

For professionals, the CPPS credential provides those working in patient safety a means to demonstrate their proficiency and skill in the discipline

For organizations, requiring the CPPS credential provides a way for employers to validate a potential candidate's patient safety knowledge and skill base, critical competencies for today's health care challenges



The value of certification

Certification often required as a job requirement, especially in the areas of quality, risk, and patient safety.

Important credential for those in practice, academics, and/or industry

CPPS is a Magnet® recognized certification in the Demographic Data Collection Tool® (DDCT)

And of course, CPPS certification indicates proficiency in patient safety domains.

- 79% of health care professionals who have earned the CPPS told us that this credential helped them to improve patient care at their organization.
- Since earning their CPPS credential, 81% of titleholders have led organization or system-wide initiatives, leading critical improvements



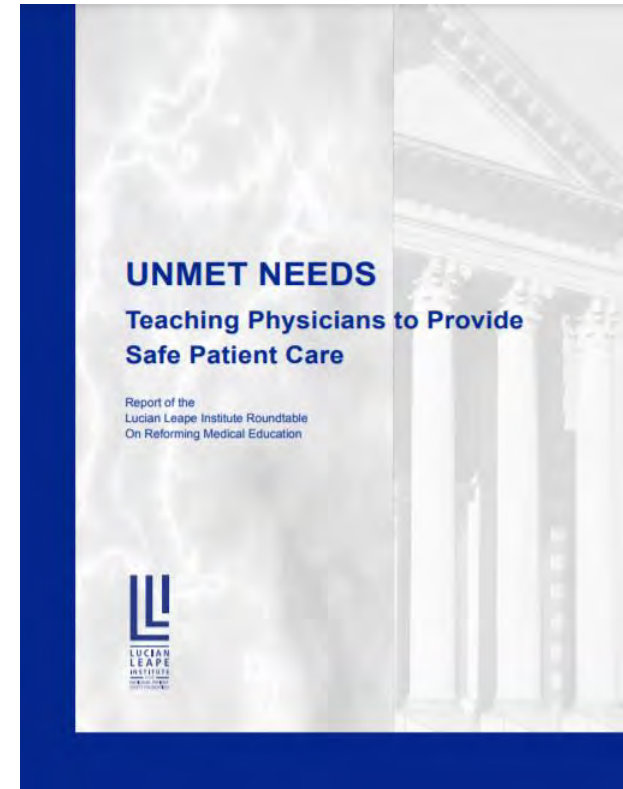
Certification in Academia

Longstanding partnership with UNTHSC Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (started in 2019) to integrate CPPS certification and patient safety education into medical education

- From small pilot study to a required course for all 3rd year medical students
- Over 1,000 students and 27 faculty certified

Opportunities beyond medical school

- We envision a future where ALL graduate academic programs in are able to hardwire competency-based education and performance in safety, graduating future health care professionals who start, or continue, their careers armed with a solid safety foundation

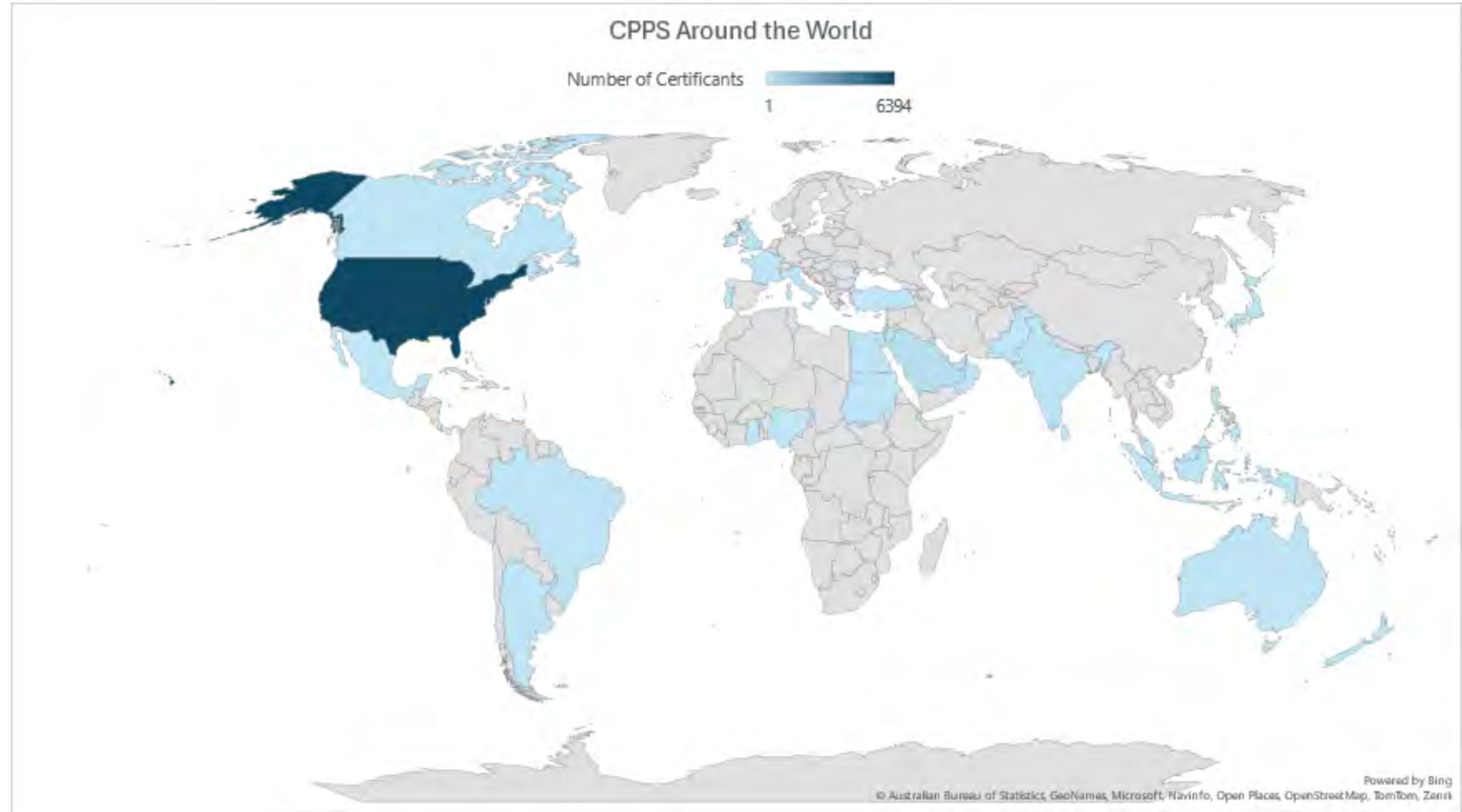


“The teaching of patient safety needs to begin on Day 1 of medical school and be extended throughout the four-year medical school experience and beyond by becoming embedded in all teaching activities.”



Who's Currently Certified?

More than 7,000 professionals have earned the CPPS credential, representing all 50 US states and 36 countries



Who Should Consider Certification



Patient Safety Professionals

Quality and Risk Management Professionals

Nurses

Physicians

Pharmacists

Health Care Executives

Non-Clinical Health Care Professionals

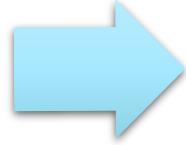
Faculty and Students

All other health care professionals with the requisite background



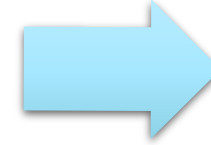
Prepare

- Review course
- Practice exam
- Content outline
- Resource list
- Handbook



Certify

- Take the exam
- Remotely
- or
- In-person



Recertify

- Every 3 years
- CE credit
- or
- Re-testing



What are the Eligibility Requirements?

Candidates for the CPPS credential are typically those who include patient safety practices as an integral component of current or future professional responsibilities

In addition, candidates must possess academic and professional experience at one of the following levels:

- Baccalaureate degree or higher plus 3 years of experience (includes time spent in clinical rotations and residency programs) in a health care setting or with a provider of services to the health care industry
- Associate degree or equivalent plus 5 years of experience (includes time spent in clinical rotations) in a health care setting or with a provider of services to the health care industry



What Does it Cost?

CPPS Product	Pricing
Review Course	\$449
Practice Exam / Self-Assessment Exam (SAE)	\$99
Certification Exam	\$549* US/Domestic *Additional \$100 fee applies to international candidates
Recertification (every 3 years)	\$225* *Additional \$50 fee applies to international candidates



How Do I Prepare for the Exam?

Fully review the Candidate Handbook

Exam Content Outline

Resource List

CPPS Practice Exam

CPPS Review Course (live, online, webinar formats)

All available at www.ihl.org/cpps



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Upcoming CPPS Review Courses

- In-person courses
 - **Sunday, December 8** at the IHI Forum in Orlando, FL
 - **Sunday, March 9** at the IHI Congress in San Diego, CA
- Live webinars
 - **February 5 – 6, 2025**
 - **April 24 – 25, 2025**



CPPS Mentors Available

Mentors are CPPS certified professionals interested in helping others on their journey to certification; they cannot share exam content or examples of actual exam questions

If you are interested in being matched with a volunteer mentor, please reach out to cpps@ihi.org



Ready to Take the CPPS Exam?

Register and select a date and time at a testing center near you OR choose to test virtually from your home or office with a remote proctor

2.5 hour timed exam

- Time to practice before timer starts
- No scheduled breaks
- Ability to bookmark questions to return later
- On screen clock (can be turned off)

120 questions; 100 scored

Check out with proctor

- In US and virtually: receive instant score report
- Outside US: receive score report in the mail

Learn more at www.ihl.org/cpps



What is the passing score?

The passing score for the examination is 500. Scores ranges from 200 to 800.

You will only see your exact score if you do NOT pass the exam.

CBPPS uses a criterion-referenced methodology in scoring the certification examination. With this type of scoring methodology, there is no “curve,” and candidates do not compete against one another. Instead, candidate performance is compared to the criterion of acceptable practice of a qualified patient safety professional. A statistical process called equating is used to ensure candidates are assessed using forms that have equivalent difficulty and reliability. These steps help ensure that all candidates are held to the same standard of performance. This process is used to ensure fairness to all candidates.



Maintaining your CPPS Designation

3-year recertification period

Recertification may be achieved by:

- 45 credits of documented continuing education and/or other qualified activities
- Re-testing

Continuing education courses and other qualified activities must address at least one of the tested domains

Many of IHI educational offerings are approved for CPPS CE credit

Recertification Handbook at www.ihi.org/cpps



CPPS certification creates community

Once you receive CPPS, you become a part of a community with opportunities for

Networking

Exam Development and Item Writing

Mentoring

Blogging/Sharing News

Opportunities to join subject matter expert and faculty groups



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Testimonials

“I found the CPPS certification process to be quite valuable in my role as Chief Quality Officer. It was a rigorous process that helped fill in some of the gaps in my knowledge of patient safety and quality improvement. It provided me with new ideas for enhancing patient safety and care delivery that I can already apply at my institution.”

Peter O'Brien, MD, FACC

Chief Quality Officer, Centra Heart and Vascular Institute

“My CPPS certification is one of my proudest professional affiliations. It's a matter of pride to clear this rigorous exam and be among a very small group of around 5000 peers in the world and probably 8th from India. The credential "CPPS" when written after my name, instantly communicates my dedication and commitment towards healthcare quality and patient safety.”

Dr Shikha Ranjan MBBS, MD
(Microbiology), AMPH (ISB), FISQua
Chandigarh, India

“As healthcare advances, more risks are identified hence patient safety should be the priority and quality is the standard. Having professionals with the CPPS credential solidifies any healthcare organisation's commitment to Patient Safety. CPPS also ensures professionals like myself, that I am competent in the areas of human factor engineering, patient risks and solutions.”

Enkerrae Janer, BScN HDip RN
CPPS
Quality and Patient Safety
Officer, Amana Healthcare



Looking Ahead

CBPPS and IHI are developing three new certifications that may be of interest to you. Coming in 2025:

Certified Professional in Human Factors in Health Care (CPHFH)

Certified Professional in Age-Friendly Health Care (CPAFH)

Certified Professional in Clinical Health Equity (CPCHE)



Questions, Discussion and Reflections

