



IAHSS Program of Distinction

Criteria:

The organization/facility participates in the IAHSS Progressive Certification Program and IAHSS CHPA Program for its security staff and encourages security officers, supervisors, managers, and directors to obtain the highest level of certification possible.

All security training standards are equally applicable to proprietary and contract security officers. The IAHSS Program of Distinction is for the healthcare department, not the company providing the services, and is valid for two years.

To qualify for the IAHSS Program of Distinction, the following must be met:

- A minimum of 70% of the security department (includes any officer assigned to a shift regardless of length of time) must be certified at some level of the Progressive Certification Program at all times to qualify for the departmental certification.
- The director or administrative leader of security must be a CHPA, and maintain that certification.

Note: If director or administrative leader of security leaves and certification is due, the application will be processed pending new leader's certification.

IAHSS reserves the right to validate the program of distinction levels at any time and if the department fails to maintain the required levels, the distinction will be revoked.

Standard:

The organization/facility must meet and be able to document compliance with the IAHSS Program of Distinction criteria outlined above. Departments are also required to participate in the IAHSS Progressive Certification Program and IAHSS CHPA Program for its staff.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that all security personnel hold current certification and they recertify at the highest level established in accordance with the progressive recertification procedures. It is recommended that all qualified members of the security management team obtain CHPA certification and maintain the certification.

Application Process:

The Security manager/director will complete a Program of Distinction form and submit to IAHSS with the application fee of \$500.00 if the department meets the criteria stated above. The fee is not refundable if the department fails to meet the requirements to obtain the Program of Distinction. The application form must list the security officer's name, level of IAHSS certification, and IAHSS certification number. All officers must be listed by name and date of hire on the application form. It must also list the security manager/director's name, date of hire, and CHPA certification number. A minimum of 70% of the department's officers must be certified at some level and the management must be a CHPA to be eligible to apply. The form must be signed by the Security manager/director and the Administrator or Manager/Director of Human Resources.

Review Process:

IAHSS staff will review the application and verify the certifications listed. The Human Resources signature on the application verifies the correct listing of staff for the department. The Security manager/director will be notified the results of the review. Program of Distinction will be awarded upon completion of the required standards. A certification will be issued and sent to the Security manager/director.

If the department fails to meet the standards, they will be notified and they may apply again as soon as they complete the established standards. To re-apply, an application form and application fee must be submitted. IAHSS has the right to validate the certification levels at any time during the certification time period and revoke the certification if the criteria are not continuously maintained.

Certification:

Program of Distinction is valid for two years and must be renewed prior to expiration. Renewal is not automatic; the renewal process must be followed.

Certification Renewal:

An application form and application renewal fee of \$250.00 must be submitted. The process for renewal follows the same process as the initial application.