

## Who We Are

The Certification Board for Professionals in Patient Safety (CBPPS) was formed to oversee a rigorous and comprehensive credentialing process that attests to patient safety competencies and expertise. The board's chief responsibility is the development and administration of an evidence-based examination that provides candidates with a process by which they can demonstrate their competency in patient safety science and application.

This professional certification program:

- Establishes core standards for the field of patient safety, benchmarks requirements necessary for health care professionals, and sets an expected proficiency level.
- Gives those working in patient safety a means to demonstrate their proficiency and skill in the discipline.
- Provides a way for employers to validate a potential candidate's patient safety knowledge and skill base, critical competencies for today's health care environment.

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# The Value of Certification

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*Establishing core standards for the field  
of patient safety*

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## Who Should Become Certified?

The Certified Professional in Patient Safety (CPPS) credential distinguishes health care professionals who meet the competency requirements in the areas of patient safety science and human factors engineering, and who demonstrate the ability to apply this knowledge to effectively plan and implement patient safety initiatives. Candidates may include patient safety professionals, clinicians, non-clinical health care workers, executives, and other professionals with the requisite background.

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*“Certification in Patient Safety demonstrates my personal and professional commitment to the patients and families that trust us to do no harm while providing evidence-based care in a compassionate manner.” - Janet Jacob, MBA, RN, CPPS*

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## Eligibility Requirements

Individuals from across the health care spectrum may sit for the Certified Professional in Patient Safety (CPPS) examination if they possess a baseline combination of education, experience, and a commitment to improving the safety of patient care.

Candidates for the CPPS credential are 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

## Certification at a Glance

Since the launch of the certification program in 2012, more than 1,000 patient safety professionals have become certified. Current CPPS representation spans 35 states, the District of Columbia, and 9 countries including Argentina, France, Canada, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE. Certificants come from a variety of backgrounds including administration, nursing, quality, and risk. Spanning demographics and disciplines is the core commitment to safer care for all.



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*“I am proud to have achieved my CPPS certification and am excited to be a part of the patient safety community at this time of change and development.” - Susann Nienhaus, RN, JD, CPPS*

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## Recertification

Following successful completion of the CPPS examination, the certificant is required to recertify every three years by fulfilling continuing education (CE) requirements or through successful retest.

**Recertification cycle:** 3 years

**CE requirement:** 45 hours total

**Accepted types of CE:**

- All CE that follows the CPPS content outline is accepted
- CE options include: educational programs, self-study, CPPS item writing, academic coursework, and more

For detailed recertification guidelines and forms visit [www.cbpps.org](http://www.cbpps.org).