

Accreditation-Specific Certifications

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	The Joint Commission: Certified Joint Commission Professional (CJCP)	CIHQ: Healthcare Accreditation Certified Professional (HACP)
Eligibility	1. A bachelor's degree and two years of regulatory compliance/accreditation experience 2. An associate's degree or RN credentials plus five years of regulatory compliance/accreditation experience	Active or recent hospital employment and two years of regulatory compliance/accreditation experience. Inpatient experience preferred.
Initial fee	\$375	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$275 or \$225 for CIHQ facilities • \$345 for a prep course and proctored exam or \$275 for CIHQ facilities
Recertification fee	\$350	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing education unit = \$180 • Online = \$205 • Prep course and proctored exam = \$275
Certification valid for	Three years	Two years
Exam content	The Joint Commission survey process and standards per the Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals (CAMH)	CMS surveys, certification process, and Conditions of Participation (CoP)
Exam length	Three hours	Three hours
Number of questions	150	120
2018 passing score	78%	70%
Pass rate	More pass than fail; the results haven't been released yet by JCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% pass online • 98% pass the proctored exam
Grading time	Results available immediately after exam	Results available immediately after exam for online; within 24 hours for proctored exam
Score reports provided	Yes	Yes
Test frequency	Quarterly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January • April • July • October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online year-round • Annual in-person exam "
# professionals certified	501	980-1,150
CE hours needed	20 exclusively from TJC; 10 at the discretion of the CJCP	24
CE frequency	At discretion of CJCP within three-year term	At discretion of HACP within two-year term

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Accepts CEs from the other certification	Allows 10 out of 30 CEs to be from HACCP	Accepts CEs from CJCP
Exam prep	Training workshops, books, and modules are available at JCR: www.jcrinc.com/store/cjcp	Study guides and practice exams are available at CIQH: https://cihq-hacp.org/exam_resource_list.asp
Testing sites	Over 600 sites in U.S. and 1,600 globally	One site
Proctored exam	Yes	Yes
Testing agency	PSI Services LLC (www.goamp.com)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam Builder online (with protocols to prevent open-book testing) • Proctored on-site
Passing point study/cut assessment	Yes, they annually determine the cutoff passing score with a psychometric review	Yes, they annually determine the cutoff passing score without a psychometric review
Retesting option	Yes, the next testing month	Yes
Recertification loyalty	75% stay with CJCP (comprehensive % since launch date)	85% stay with HACCP (comprehensive % since launch date)
Psychometric team/psychometrist	Yes	No
Exam updates	Annually	Annually
Demographics	The majority of the CJCP cadre represents RN's with Master's Degrees and 7-10 years of direct survey process experience. However, CJCP recipients come from the ranks of many different hospital professionals.	Unknown
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