An APIC Update: Greater NY Chapter 13

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Disclosures

• APIC Board Member
Philadelphia Representation!
(APIC Educational Conference, 2019)

(Congrats, Ranekka!)
CBIC – CIC News!

- Recertification by CEUs (IPUs)
  - Y2020
  - 40 IPUs
  - 5 years
  - $375 renewal fee
  - Varied format – classes, presentations, authorship, etc.
  - SARE still available

- Entry-level certification, “a-IPC” (Associate – Infection Prevention and Control)
  - Pre-CIC, novice, those interested in pursuing IPC
  - No experience/job-specific requirements
  - 3 years
  - One time certification
  - Expectation to obtain CIC
NYS Certification Legislation

• Lobby Day, 4/29/19
• Infection Preventionists
• General hospitals
• Successfully passes and maintain certification w/i 3 years of initial employment
• Already employed x 1 or more years – grandfathered
APIC’s Competency Advancement Assistance (CAA)

• $$ for certification registration and study materials
• Applications: June 1 - August 31
• APIC member x 1 year
• Meet CBIC eligibility criteria
  • Certification or recertification
• Pass exam by May, 2020
Revised APIC Competency Model


Commentary

Advancing the profession: An updated future-oriented competency model for professional development in infection prevention and control

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The 2012 Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) Competency Model[4] for the infection preventionist (IP) was a novel tool and structure for professional development intended to be relevant for 3 to 5 years after publication. The authors’ introduction of future-oriented domains to the infection preventionist and control (IPC) profession was instrumental in defining a framework for professional development beyond certiﬁcation.

As anticipated, IPC has progressed beyond the initial 2012 Competency Model content. A rapidly evolving health care environment has created an increasingly complex landscape for the IP to navigate, resulting in expanded functions and roles. Furthermore, incorporation of the IPC workforce is changing. Results of the 2015 APIC Megasurvey demonstrated that the background of IPs is expanding from primary nursing to other ﬁelds, such as laboratory science and public health, bringing different perspectives to the profession. Such changes call for careful examination of the IP professional development path. In response, an updated competency model has been proposed to address innovative future-oriented competency domains and other pertinent domains.

Conceptually, the focus of IPC practice should always be patient safety; however, an additional lens that the IP must focus on is ensuring patient safety across the continuum of care. This guarantees that patients, no matter the location of their health care encounters, experience the best possible outcomes. Key IPC elements transcend health care settings; yet, there may be unique patient safety concerns and practice approaches for IPs working in specialty settings such as acute care, long-term care, critical access, ambulatory, home health, dialysis, or ambulatory surgery.

The APIC Competency Model for the IP includes the Certiﬁcation Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (CIC) core competencies[5] and the APIC Professional and Practice Standards (PPS[6]). Conceptually, those foundational documents and elements reside on the outermost circle of the updated model, indicating how they support IP professional development. The PPS outlines the role and scope of the IP. The CIC core competencies are designed to provide foundational competency in the profession through the passing of CIC’s certiﬁcation examination, resulting in the IP earning the CIC credential. Together, these resources, each with different functions, are designed to work in synergy to guide development of the infection preventionist professional. CIC core competencies are evidence-based, reﬂective of current practice, and updated every 4 to 5 years through research of practice analysis surveys completed by practicing infection prevention professionals. IP’s review and update their skills and application of the core competencies throughout their careers.

The APIC Competency Model identiﬁes speciﬁc domains for future-oriented competency development, enabling IPs to build on the CIC core competencies, advance their careers, and meet essential
Coming soon...

Interactive Novice Roadmap
APIC Consensus Conference: Strategic Plan 2025

• Reimagining the IP role: the future of infection prevention in a transformed healthcare system
• Preparing IPs for enhanced leadership roles across the continuum of care
• Developing strategies that support IP practice across the continuum of care
• Building the business case for an enhanced IP role
• Willingness to serve
  • Local APIC
  • National Committees
  • Board position

• Other activities
  • Presentations
    • Oral, written
  • Authorship
  • Other work that progresses IPC
Wrap up – IP Recruitment Video

• https://apic.org/new-ip-recruitment-video-infection-preventionists-save-lives-2/