



Provisional
Certification

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION AUTHENTICATION

Instrumental to Patient Care®

Provisional Certification is used when an individual has not accumulated the full 400 hours of hands-on experience. Provisional Certification will be assigned to all applications where Provisional Certification has been indicated **or** failure to complete **all** sections of the CRCST Application (indicating proof of full 400 hours of hands-on experience).

Once hours have been COMPLETELY accrued*, return the original of this form to IAHCSCMM and maintain a copy for your records.

1. Failure to provide the minimum of 400 hours of hands-on experience listed below, within six months of passing the certification exam, will result in the revocation of Provisional Certification, and the exam will have to be retaken to obtain actual certification (including all applicable exam fees)
2. 400 total hours of hands-on experience will be accumulated within six (6) months of a passing grade (70 or better) on the certification exam
3. Each area of experience earned will be approved by a direct supervisor
4. 400 hours of hands-on experience will be broken down in the following categories:
 1. **Patient Care Equipment (32 Hours)** Cleaning – Assembly/Testing Identification
 2. **General Cleaning (32 Hours)** (Instruments – utensils – specialty items, Operation of Mechanical Washers)
 3. **Wrapping Packaging (36 Hours)** Packaging Techniques, Pouches, Flat Wraps, and Rigid Containers; Label/Expiration Dates, etc)
 4. **Assemble Instrument / Procedure Trays (60 Hours)** Assembly/Layout, Inspection, Identification, Use)
 5. **Sterilization (64 Hours)** High Temperature and Low Temperature Sterilization Processes, Sterilization Quality Assurance Systems, Record Keeping, Handling/Putting Away Sterile Supplies, Dust Covering)
 6. **Storage Clean & Sterile (36 Hours)** Rotating Supplies, Inventory and Restocking Carts/ Shelves, Outdates, Cleaning Storage Shelves)
 7. **Miscellaneous (40 Hours)** Quality Assurance Processes, Blood Borne Pathogen Protocols, Soiled Equipment Pick-Up, Standards, Regulations, Policies and Procedures)
 8. **Linen Folding (36 Hours)** Inspection, Folding Drapes/Wrappers, Towels, etc.)
Note: If Facility does not have any reusable linen, these 36 Hours will be divided in half and added to General Cleaning (18 additional hours) and Instrument Procedure Trays (18 additional hours)
 9. **Case Carts (32 Hours)** Assembly, Pick Sheets, Cover and Transport to OR)
Note: If Facility does not use Case Carts, these 32 Hours will be divided in half and added to Wrapping/Packaging (16 additional hours) and Sterilization (16 additional hours)
 10. **Distribution (32 Hours)** Par Levels, Point of Use Systems, Exchange Carts, Just In Time)
Note: If Facility does not use these procedures, these 32 Hours will be divided in half and added to General Cleaning (16 additional hours) and Instrument/Procedure Trays (16 additional hours)

* Please note: if Hours of Hands-On Experience are to be achieved within a Dental or Animal/Veterinary location, the facility must first be approved by IAHCSCMM. To receive the necessary paperwork to approve a Dental or Animal/Veterinary location, please call 1-800-962-8274 extension 306 before you begin accruing your hours of Hands-On Experience.

To be completed upon successful completion of the CRCST exam:

Examinee Full Printed Name: _____

Examinee ID Number _____ CRCST Exam Score _____ CRCST Exam Date _____

I attest that the above mentioned employee has earned the full 400 hours of hands-on experience, as designated by the select categories listed.

Manager/Supervisor _____
Printed Name _____ Signature _____

Hospital Name _____ Current Title/Position in Hospital _____

Hospital Address _____
Street _____ City _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone Number _____ Date: _____

Completed forms can be faxed to 1-312-440-9474 or mailed to 213 W Institute Pl, Ste 307, Chicago, IL 60610.