

APIC24 Annual Conference

Updates from Certification
Board of Infection Control &
Epidemiology (CBIC)



Mission & Vision

- The mission is to provide pathways to demonstrate & maintain competence in infection prevention & control.
- The vision is a world free of infections through demonstrated professional competency.



4 Certifications Available

- a-IPC – relevant to the novice, new IP with an interest to learn more, also a great way to get other fields interested in the work we do i.e. EVS, SPD
- CIC - proficient level, interested in a career in IP
- LTC-CIP equivalent to the CIC

Advanced Leadership Certification in Infection Prevention

- AL-CIP is at the expert level
- The 4 certifications address every level of an IP's professional career from novice to advanced.



Development of AL-CIP

- Strategic planning
- Subject matter expert recruitment
- Focus group based practice analysis
- Matrix development
- Beta testing-current stage
- Standard setting



New Logos

Comparison of CBIC Certifications



a-IPC

- Associate IP&C
 1. No education required
 2. No work experience required but should have an interest in IP&C
 3. 100 question proctored/computer-based exam

CIC

- Certification in IC
 1. Completed post-secondary education in health related field
 2. Work experience-1yr/FT, 2yrs/PT or 3,000 hours completed & direct responsibility of IPC programs or activities in a healthcare setting
 3. 150 questions computer-based/proctored

LTC-CIP

- Long-term Care Certification in IP
 1. Completed post-secondary education in health related field
 2. One yr. FT IP work experience & responsible for the IPC programs/activities in a LTC setting
 3. Computer-based/proctored exam 150 questions

Exam content

- 8 domains for the a-IPC & CIC
- 2 additional for LTC-CIP; antimicrobial stewardship & LTC settings
 - Questions written from a resident's perspective



AL-CIP

1. Minimum 5-10 yrs. FT experience in IPC
2. Certification and/or fellow designation-current & relevant i.e. CIC, fellowship from APIC, SHEA, IDSA
3. Portfolio based assessment
4. \$545.00
5. Recertification TBD (combo IPUs/portfolio)

Framework

- Domain I: Leadership
 - Practice & Innovation
 - Change management & QI
 - Advocacy

Domain II: Professionalism

- Accountability
- Inclusivity
- Professional development



Application Process

- Applications open in 3rd week Jan. 2025
- Portfolios are accepted biannually
- Scoring of the portfolio approx. 60 days from submission
- Candidate handbook forthcoming after the beta testing (2 rounds) process

APIC Fellows versus AL-CIP

	Certificate	Fellows Program	Advanced Leadership Certification (AL-CIP)
Awarder	Any informal or formal institution or organization that offers educational content.	Membership organizations.	Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.
Definition	Acknowledgement that an individual has successfully completed a course of study or has attended an educational presentation.	Recognition by a society or organization that an individual society member has distinguished themselves in their field. Fellowship is primarily honorific and contingent on maintaining membership.	Formal attestation following a professional rigorous assessment process using internationally recognized credentialing industry standards that an individual has demonstrated advanced leadership and regional, national or global impact. Recertification is required to maintain the AL-CIP designation.
Awardee	Any individual who completes the course of study.	Any society member who meets eligibility criteria defined by the society.	Any individual who completes a formal, rigorous assessment of their demonstrated leadership and impact.

Already CBIC Certified?

- Those with existing CIC or LTC-CIP will retain their certification upon earning the AL-CIP.
- If a CIC/LTC-CIP certificants chooses NOT to recertify the AL-CIP, their CIC or LTC-CIP will expire at the end of the *next* calendar year, and they can recertify via exam or IPU.

Example:

John Doe, CIC

Earns AL-CIP February 2025. His AL-CIP dates are February 10, 2025-December 31, 2030. His CIC was extended to December 31, 2030.

In March 2030 he fills out a form on the CBIC website stating that he will **NOT** be maintaining his AL-CIP certification. His CIC date will be adjusted to December 31, 2031, and he can recertify via IPU or examination.

