

APIC Grand Canyon 088

March 2026 CHAPTER MEETING

Agenda

- Welcome
- New Certification Celebration
- President's Update
- Membership Committee Update
- Treasurer's Update
- Connie Cutler-Speaker Introduction
- Dr. Al Mohajer- CBIC
- Evaluations

Welcome & Introduction

First time attendees

Share your: Name, Organization, Role & Fun Fact
(optional)

Celebrating Achievements

- a-IPC[®]
- CIC[®]
- LTC-CIC[®]
- ALCIP[®]
- FAPIC[®]

President's Update

National News:

- a-IPC Beta Testing- Open now, closing May 4, 2026 50% Discount on the CBIC[®] website
- 2026 IPC Collaboration Series & AI Summit Call for Speakers: All submissions must be received by 11:59 p.m. ET on April 10, 2026.
- National Conference: Nashville June 15-17 2026



2026 Strategic Plan

● People

- *Strengthening Membership
- *Developing Leadership
- *Building Connections

● Purpose

- *Advancing Prevention through Collaboration
- *Aligning Strategy with Member Feedback
- *Measurable Impact

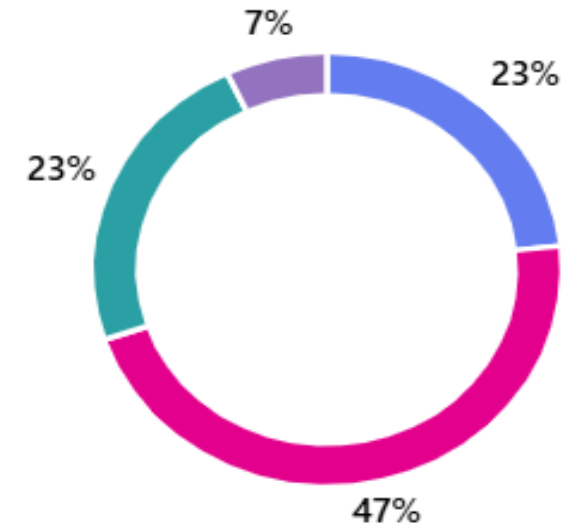
● Practice

- *Elevating Evidence-Based Prevention Education
- *Prevention and Outbreak Readiness
- *Accessible Support



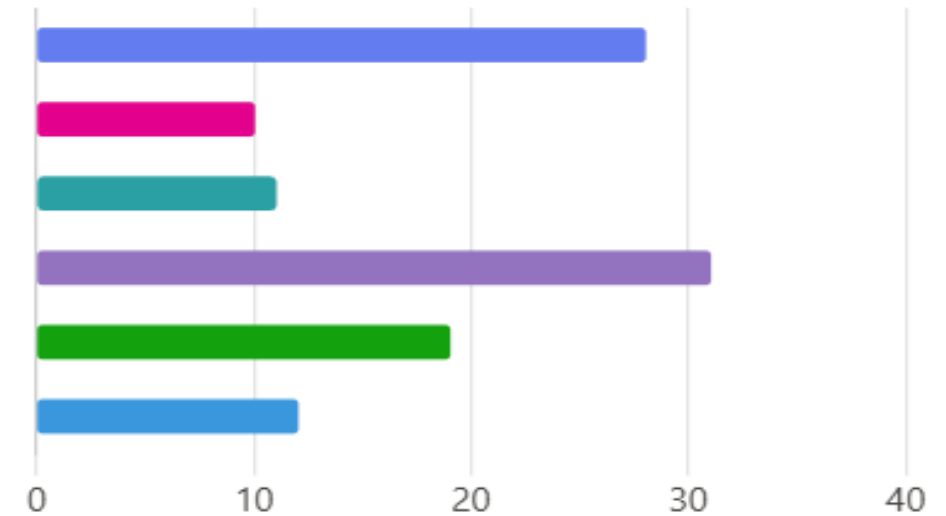
Expanded Communication

● Very aware, I feel very informed and up-to-date with current activities	10
● Somewhat aware, I am aware of most events	20
● Somewhat aware, I have missed notifications on some events	10
● Not aware, I often miss notifications of current events	3



Education Requests

● Toolkits	28
● Mentorship	10
● New IP orientation/support	11
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Global Health Survey Update

Open NOW! Due April 10 2026



Hospital IP Survey -

<https://redcap.link/5uxirots>



LTCF Survey -

https://redcap.link/ltc_az

Membership Committee Update

Purpose: Support chapter growth through membership recruitment, develop informational tools to support oncoming and new members, and conduct biennial assessment to discover member needs to continue engagement.

2026 Strategic Alignment:

- People - Conjoin with other Chapter Board committees to develop and implement programs to increase member engagement
- Purpose - Support members and provide tools to advance the science and practice of infection prevention and control
- Practice / Impact - Monitor membership roster at least monthly, assist members to keep current or updated contact information, and continuous campaign for new membership through communication

Key Goals for 2026: Engage, Gain, Retain

- Current roster 196 members, # new members since 02/16/26- 13
- **SMART Goal - 25%** of current roster = 50 more members by 12/31/26 = 246 total members



Do NOT miss out on this distinguished opportunity!

ABOUT: The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) is the leading professional association for infection preventionists (IPs) with more than 15,000 members. Our mission is to advance the science and practice of infection prevention and control.

Most APIC members are nurses, physicians, public health professionals, epidemiologists, microbiologists, or medical technologists who:

- Collect, analyze, and interpret health data in order to track infection trends, plan appropriate interventions, measure success, and report relevant data to public health agencies.
- Establish scientifically based infection prevention practices and collaborate with the healthcare team to assure implementation.
- Work to prevent healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) in healthcare facilities by isolating sources of infections and limiting their transmission.
- Educate healthcare personnel and the public about infectious diseases and how to limit their spread.

Many IPs are employed within healthcare institutions and also serve as educators, researchers, consultants, and clinical scientists. The majority of APIC members are affiliated with acute care settings. An increasing number practice in ambulatory and outpatient services where they direct programs that protect patients and personnel from HAIs. Members are also involved in long-term care, home health, and other practice settings where infection prevention and control is an increasing area of responsibility for nurses and other healthcare personnel.

HOW: APIC Grand Canyon Chapter membership provides you with a multitude of opportunities and benefits. Explore all the benefits of APIC membership and join the association dedicated to supporting the infection prevention community.

Benefits of Membership

Conferences and Educational Courses

- APIC Annual Educational Conference at discounted rates
- APIC Grand Canyon Chapter monthly meetings include educational sessions, journal of the month review, and hot topic discussions
- APIC Grand Canyon Chapter yearly conference
- Educational opportunities to online courses and face-to-face learning opportunities

Free publications and Information Services

- American Journal of Infection Control (AJIC)-10 issues per year
- APIC News (quarterly publication)
- Infection Connection Newsletter (quarterly publication by subscription)
- Webinars
- Member publications
- Implementation guides

Additional benefits include: mentoring, networking, certifications, scholarships and advocacy

Get started!

When you become an APIC member, you join the largest network of infection preventionists committed to patient safety.

- Undergraduate Student Member \$25/yr
- Graduate Student Member \$55/yr
- New to Profession or Professional Member \$220/yr

Sign up here: <https://apic.org/member-services/about-membership/>

Grand Canyon Chapter site: <https://community.apic.org/grandcanyon/join>

Looking forward to seeing you at the next APIC Grand Canyon Chapter meeting!

Heidi A. Campas, RN, BSN, CIC
Senior Infection Preventionist
APIC Grand Canyon Member at Large



<https://community.apic.org/grandcanyon/home/>

Welcome New Member!

APIC Grand Canyon Chapter 088 would like to take this time to welcome you to this strong community that supports improvement in patient safety, infection prevention, and quality of care.

Organization Mission & Vision:

Vision: A safer world through prevention of infection

Mission: To advance [the science](#) and practice of infection prevention and control

Key Membership Benefits Include:

- Conferences & Education:
 - Discounted rates for APIC Annual Educational Conference
<https://apic.org/apic2026/>
 - Monthly chapter meetings with educational sessions, journal reviews, and hot topic discussions
<https://community.apic.org/grandcanyon/events/chaptermeetings>
- Yearly chapter conference
- Free Publications & Resources:
 - American Journal of Infection Control (AJIC) - 10 issues annually
 - Webinars
 - Online Courses and [In Person](#) learning opportunities
- Certification support
- Additional Benefits:
 - Mentoring programs
 - Networking opportunities
 - Scholarships

Important Reminder:

- Keep your email address updated on the national APIC website, as this is used for all [chapter](#) communications

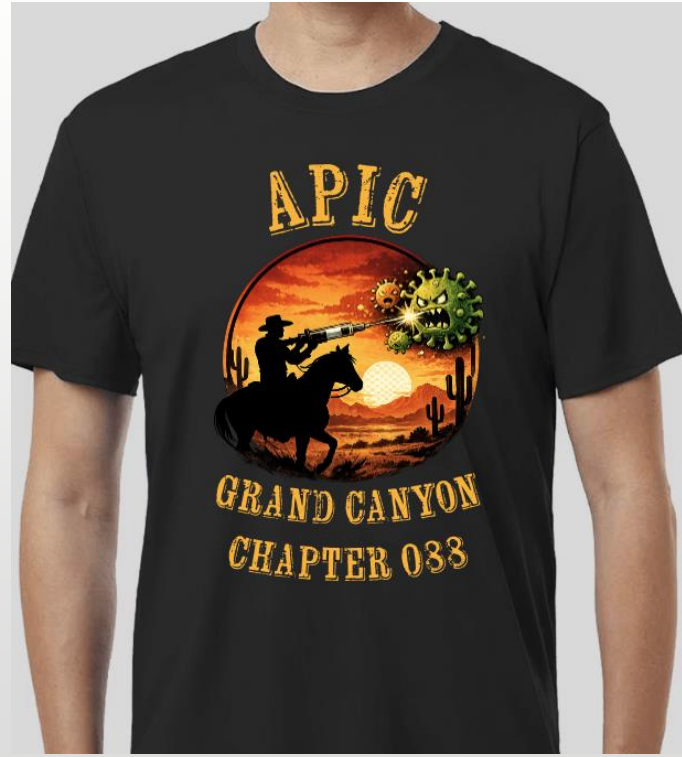
If you have any questions or if I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for choosing to join our team, APIC Grand Canyon! We look forward to seeing you at our next Chapter Meeting!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi A. Campas".

Heidi A. Campas, RN, BSN, CIC
Senior Infection Preventionist
APIC Grand Canyon Member at Large Chair





Treasurer's Update

Connie Cutler- Speaker Introduction

Mayar Al Mohajer, MD MPH MBA AL-CIP FIDSA FSHEA FAPIC FACHE

- CBIC President-Elect
- Chief of Infectious Disease at Baylor St. Luke's
- First CIC® Certified: 2019
- LTC-CIP® Certified: 2022
- AL-CIP™ Certified: 2024



Objectives



What is CBIC?

Certification Board of Infection
Control and Epidemiology, Inc.

Voluntary, autonomous,
multidisciplinary board

MISSION: *Provide pathways to demonstrate and maintain competence in infection prevention and control.*

VISION: *A world free of infections through demonstrated professional competency.*

Organizational structure:



Association for Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology

Certification Board of Infection Control & Epidemiology

APIC Consulting



Sustain Excellence and Credibility of Certifications & Strengthen Global Reach

Market the Value of Certification

Build Global Partnerships for Accessible Certification

CBIC Certifications

Novice

a-IPC™

A measure of basic infection prevention knowledge

Early/Mid-Career

CIC®/LTC-CIP®

Standardized measure of the basic knowledge, skills and abilities expected of professionals working in the field of infection prevention and control

Expert

AL-CIP

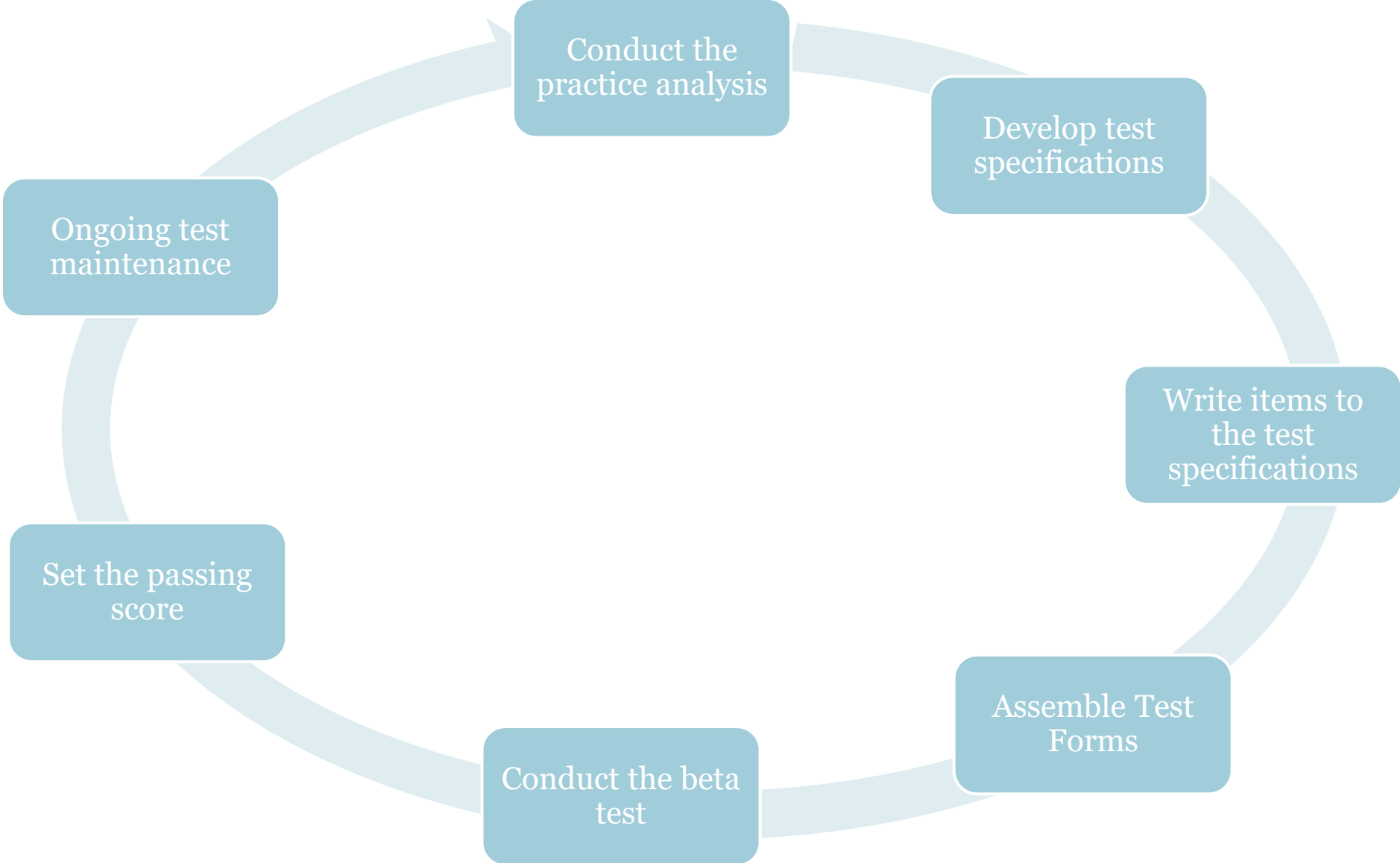
Demonstration of professional expertise in infection prevention and control through portfolio submission. CIC®/LTC-CIP® is a pre-requisite.

Certificate vs Certification

A *certificate* is awarded following the completion of a course or series of courses that provides education and training around an intended learning outcome.

A ***certification*** is awarded following successful completion of a comprehensive examination process and provides an independent assessment of the knowledge, skills, and/or competencies required for competent performance of an occupation or professional role.

CBIC Exam Development Cycle



Value to All Certificants

- Increased recognition by peers and respect of colleagues in the profession
- Improved opportunities for employability and advancement — Greater confidence in their professional competence
- Increased professional trust from employers or the public
- Increased autonomy in the workplace
- Better compensation and career longevity

Content for this statement inspired by the Institute for Credentialing Excellence, 2012, A Look at the Value of Professional Certification <https://www.credentialingexcellence.org/>

Value to the public

- Through increasing competencies, patient outcomes can improve!
- Hospitals with a CIC certified IP participated in infection prevention collaboratives and were more likely to use evidence-based catheter-related bloodstream infection prevention practices.
- Hospitals with a CIC certified IP supported evidence-based antimicrobial stewardship, device-associated health care–associated infection interventions, nurse-initiated urinary catheters discontinue protocols, and ventilator-associated pneumonia prevention practices.

Value to Employers and Hiring Managers

- Research has shown that organizations value certifications highly when making selection decisions.¹
- When determining a practitioner's commitment to a profession, HR specialists consider knowledge, skill, and performance value factors, as well as the role of certifications. Thus, certification may reduce employee turnover and enhance employee satisfaction.

¹Garza, Adela & Morgeson, Frederick. (2012). Exploring the link between organizational values and human resource certification. *Human Resource Management Review*. 22. 271–278. 10.1016/j.hrmr.2012.06.011.

How to prepare for CBIC certification- Step 1

Review the eligibility guidelines and understand the differences between certifications. These guidelines are designed to set candidates up for success on exam day.



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AND CONTROL**

CBIC Certification: a-IPC™

















- Entry-level certification examination is a measure of basic infection prevention knowledge.
- Recertification is completed via infection prevention units or examination.
- Intended for those interested in gaining expertise or pursuing careers in infection prevention and control.
- Successful certificants have a credential that demonstrates their level of interest and dedication to the field.
- Can help with a transition to acute or long-term care.
- Demonstrates proficiency in what you do.
- **Stands out to hiring managers!**

a-IPC™ Beta Testing



- Effective May 22, 2026, there will be a new content outline for the a-IPC™. The current outline will remain in effect through May 11, 2026, and applies **only** to individuals who have already applied and have scheduled—or will schedule—an exam appointment with Prometric on or before that date.
- CBIC will conduct a beta administration of the a-IPC™ exam under the revised content outline from May 22–July 2, 2026. During the beta period, candidates will take the new version of the exam; however, results will not be released immediately.
- Scoring will be based on data collected from all beta testers, with scores released during the week of August 18, 2026.
- **CBIC will extend a 50% reduction in exam fees from February 17, 2026, through May 4, 2026. There is also a 50% discount on the APIC online learning system.**

Where in the world are a-IPCs?

	Country	# of a-IPCs
	United States	608
	Canada	126
	Saudi Arabia	15
	United Arab Emirates	9
	Egypt	7
	Qatar	5
	Jordan	3
	India	3
	Kenya	1
	Australia	1
	China	1
	Oman	1
	Barbados	1
	Kuwait	1

- 782 a-IPCs worldwide
- Exam released in 2020



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CONTROL**



CIC[®] Eligibility Guidelines
















1. Completed post-secondary education in a health-related field including but not limited to medicine, nursing, laboratory technology, or public health. Post-secondary includes public or private universities, colleges, community colleges, etc.
2. Direct responsibility for the infection prevention program activities in a healthcare setting



CIC[®] Eligibility Guidelines

3. Work experience, defined as active engagement in infection prevention, determined by a current job description, for compensation, for a minimum of:
- At least one-year full-time employment **OR**
 - Two (2) years part-time employment **OR**
 - Completed 3,000 hours of infection prevention work experience earned during the previous three (3) years

Where in the world are CICs?

	Country	# of CICs
	United States	9096
	Canada	1157
	Saudi Arabia	480
	United Arab Emirates	188
	Egypt	135
	India	100
	Qatar	56
	Oman	42
	Jordan	18
	Kuwait	16
	Philippines	15
	Pakistan	13
	Singapore	12
	Sudan	11
	Bahrain	11

- 11,423 CICs worldwide in 52 countries
- Countries with 10+ CICs listed



**LONG-TERM CARE
CERTIFICATION**

IN

**INFECTION
CONTROL**

CBIC Certification: LTC-CIP®



Long-term care is a unique setting










- Nursing homes
- Skilled nursing facilities
- Assisted living facilities

Recent surveys and interviews reveal the LTC-CIP:

- Prepares IPC professionals to prevent and handle outbreaks
- Increases interfacility collaboration and communication
- Improves resident and staff safety
- Encourages the use of evidence-based data
- Is well respected by surveyors and can improve survey outcomes

Schweon SJ and Pogorzelska-Maziarz M. Survey said! LTC-CIP certificant's perspective with passing the certification exam. *Am J Infect Control*. 2025;53(3):291-296.

Where in the world are LTC-CIPs?

	Country	# of LTC-CIPs
	Canada	598
	United States	528
	Saudi Arabia	7
	India	3
	Egypt	2
	Bermuda	1
	United Arab Emirates	1
	Nigeria	1
	Jordan	1

- 1,142 LTC-CIPs worldwide
- Exam released in 2023

How to prepare for CBIC certification- Step 2

Review the examination
content outline.

CIC[®] Content Outline

Identification of
infectious disease
processes

Surveillance and
epidemiologic
investigation

Preventing and
controlling the
transmission of
infectious agents

Environment of
care

Cleaning, disinfection,
sterilization, and
asepsis

Employee /
occupational health

Management and
communication

Education and
research

a-IPC™ Content Outline: Effective May 22, 2026

Processes to
Identify Infectious
Diseases

Surveillance and
epidemiologic
investigation

Preventing and
controlling the
transmission of
infectious agents

Employee/
Occupational
Health

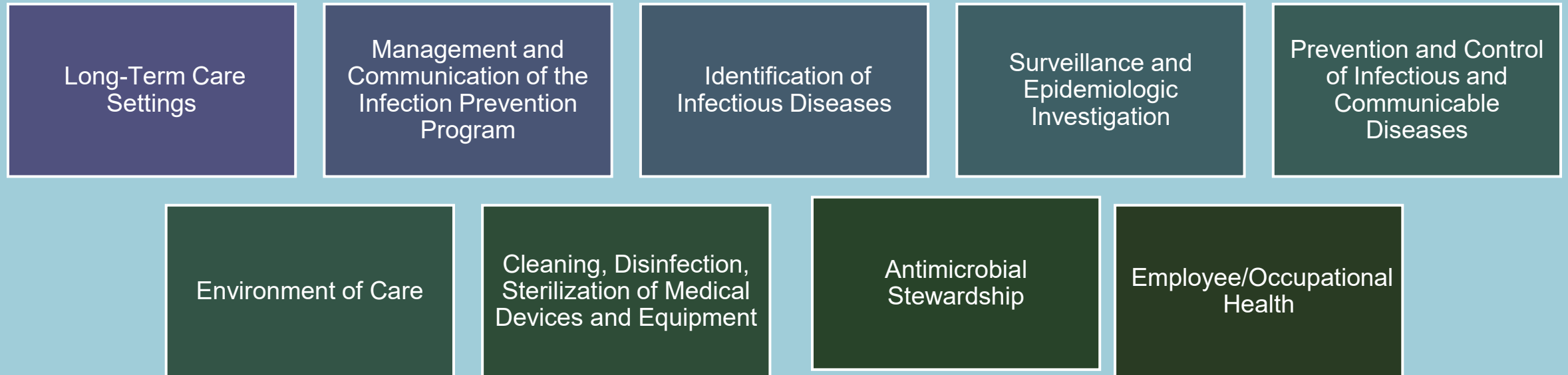
Management and
Communication of
the Infection
Prevention Program

Education and
Research

Environment of
Care

Cleaning,
Disinfection,
Sterilization of
Medical Devices
and Equipment

LTC-CIP® Content Outline



How to prepare for CBIC certification- Step 3

Develop a study plan and a timeline – work backwards from when you would like to take the exam.

Helpful Hints:

- Take a practice test. Use the results to determine where you should focus your studying.
- Review questions you answered incorrectly and learn from those questions.
- Review the primary and secondary resources used to develop the examination – these are the only resources used to develop the content.
- Develop a study plan and dedicate time each day to reviewing content.

Helpful Hints:

- Join a study group! Learning with others can help with motivation. Celebrate your successes and help each other throughout the process. Your local APIC Chapter can be a great source of support.
- Follow the timing & break structure that is used on exam day
 - Two hours for the a-IPC™
 - Three hours for the CIC® & LTC-CIP®
- Understand that all exams are given with forward navigation – once you answer a question, you cannot go back to it.
- Don't memorize – understand the content!

Resources to Prepare for your Exam:

- Exam prep resources: <https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/Exam-Preparation-Resources.htm>
- Free webinar series and slides for the LTC-CIP®: <https://blog.cbic.org/resources-to-help-you-prepare-for-the-ltc-cip/>
- APIC webinar series: <https://apic.org/ltc-resources/>
- APIC online learning system & prep courses: <https://learnipc.apic.org/ltc-cip-certification/>



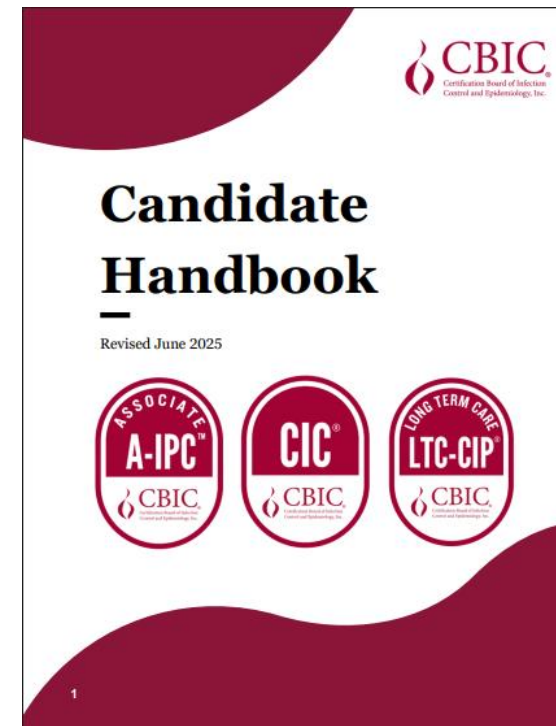
CBIC cannot recommend or endorse any study guides or review courses

How to prepare for CBIC certification- Step 4

Review the CBIC Candidate Handbook

CBIC Candidate Handbook

- Candidates are responsible for reviewing the policies and information contained in the Candidate Handbook prior to applying for and becoming certified.
- Once a candidate has been approved to test, they are given a 90-day testing window.
- Schedule your appointment with Prometric as soon as you are approved to test. Appointments are first come first serve.
- Review the Prometric cancellation/rescheduling policy.



How to prepare for CBIC certification- Step 5

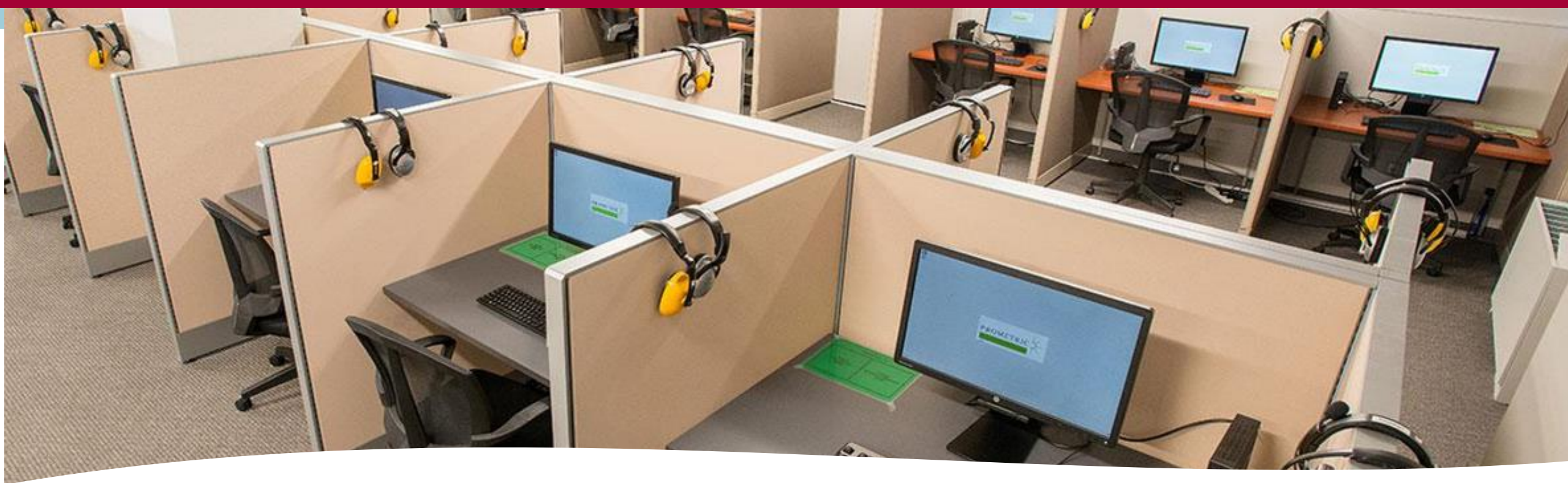
Prepare for exam day

Candidate Testing Experience

- Candidates can take the exam at a physical testing center or via Prometric's live remote proctoring option, Pro Proctor
- Testing is available 5-7 days a week depending on location



Prometric Testing Centers



- Located worldwide in 160+ countries
- Testing available 5-7 days a week during normal business hours
- Candidates are monitored throughout the exam in a secure environment

Prometric – Remote Proctoring



- Candidates can take the exam at home
- A live, remote proctor locks down the candidate's browser
- 360-degree environment check done of candidate workspace

After the Exam

- Results are available immediately after submitting the post-examination survey.
- Passing candidates will receive a Pass message. No numerical scaled score is reported to passing candidates.
- Unsuccessful candidates will receive a score and performance level description.
- Candidates are required to wait 90 days (CIC® & LTC-CIP®) between exam attempts and six months for a-IPC™ if unsuccessful.

Maintaining Certification

Understand your options &
start early

CIC[®] Recertification



CIC® Recertification Overview

CIC® certification is valid for five years from the year of successful examination

Recertification takes place every five years

Recertification can be completed via infection prevention units (IPUs) or taking the CIC® examination.

CIC® Recertification Overview - Updates

The open-book unproctored recertification examination is no longer offered.

Recertification will be obtainable through infection prevention units (IPUs) or by retaking the initial CIC® proctored examination.

Recertification by IPUs

What is an IPU?

- IPU = Infection Prevention Unit (IPU) = continuing education credits
- Can be achieved by*:
 - Presenting at conferences,
 - Authoring publications
 - Attending local or national conferences,
 - Participating in a professional organization in a position of leadership
 - And more! IPU guide available online.

*must be infection prevention related

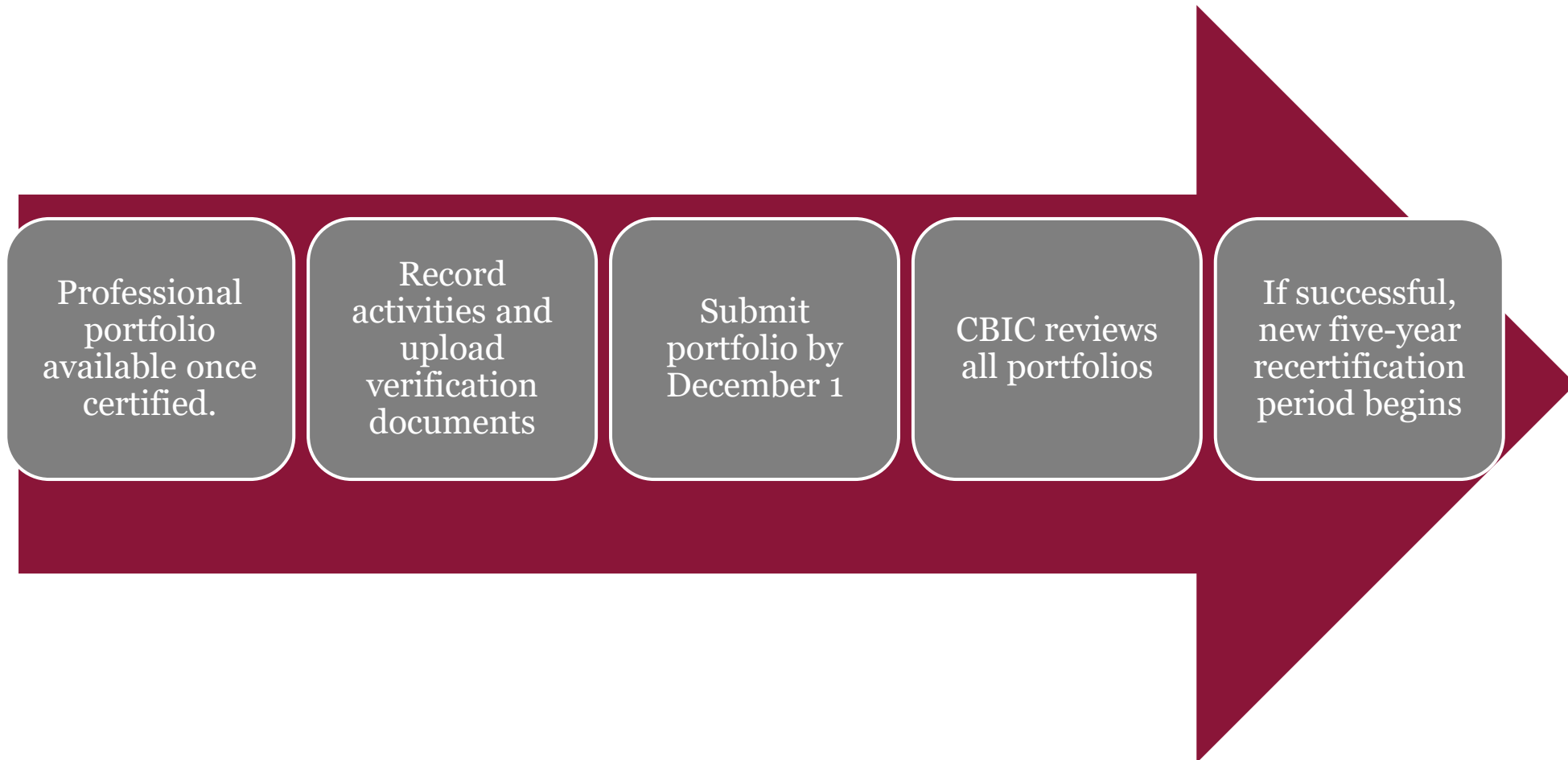
Recertification by IPU

- Candidates must submit an IPU portfolio demonstrating completion of a minimum of 40 IPU (*a-IPCs have a prorated amount through 2029*)
- IPU must be provided by a credible organization and at least 20/40 infection prevention units must be sponsored through an accredited organization or state licensing board.
- Candidates can accumulate IPU any time after their previous recertification submission date throughout their five-year recertification period
- Candidates may access IPU portfolio once certified and must submit by **December 1** of their expiration year.

Recertification by IPU

- To promote continuous learning, effective 2028, candidates must demonstrate that a portion of their IPUs have been attained in different years of the 5-year recertification cycle.
- Effective 2028, for multi-session Infection Control Courses that offer continuous education units, an IPU may be awarded for each educational session of 1 hour or more, to a maximum of 30 IPUs for the course.
- The CBIC Board **recommends** candidates earn at least two IPUs from DEI and Health Equity within healthcare as a part of the minimum required 40 IPUs. DEI and Health Equity should be self-evident in the title or learning objectives.
- CICs who showcase leadership skills via participation in a formal mentorship program through a professional organization related to infection prevention and control may now earn 3 IPUs per year of program participation.

Recertification by IPU's Timeline



Recertification by IPUs: Helpful Hints

- Submit your IPUs as you earn them!
- Don't wait until the last minute to submit your portfolio
- Reach out to staff with questions
- Once your credits have been approved, you will receive a new 5-year certification and can begin submitting IPUs for your next portfolio, due in five years.

CIC® Domains (6/8 required)

1. Identification of Infectious Disease Processes
2. Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation
3. Preventing/Controlling the Transmission of Infectious Agents
4. Employee/Occupational Health
5. Management and Communication
6. Education and Research
7. Environment of Care
8. Cleaning, Sterilization, Disinfection, Asepsis

a-IPC™ Domains (6/8 required)

1. Processes to Identify Infectious Diseases
2. Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation
3. Preventing/Controlling the Transmission of Infectious Agents
4. Employee/Occupational Health
5. Management and Communication of the Infection Prevention Program
6. Education and Research
7. Environment of Care
8. Cleaning, Disinfection, Sterilization of Medical Devices and Equipment

LTC-CIP Domains (7/9 required)

1. Long-Term Care Settings
2. Management and Communication of the Infection Prevention Program
3. Identification of Infectious Diseases
4. Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation
5. Prevention and Control of Infectious and Communicable Diseases
6. Environment of Care
7. Cleaning, Disinfection, Sterilization of Medical Devices and Equipment
8. Antimicrobial Stewardship
9. Employee/Occupational Health



Certified as a CIC®
and LTC-CIP®?
Credits can be used in
both portfolios if the
IPUs are earned
within your 5-year
certification cycle.

IPUs and Chapter Activities

Does my Chapter activity count towards IPUs?

- Subject matter related to infection prevention and control, and falls within at least one of the eight domains
- Able to verify chapter member attendance or participation by providing required documentation



YES!

IPU Conversion Chart

	Duration of participation/instruction	CEUs	CMEs	CNEs	IPUs
Applicable Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online, paper, or live format education• Attendance at national conference IP-related sessions• Teaching	60 minutes of instruction or 1 "contact hour"	0.1	1	1	1

IPUs Resources

[IPUs FAQ page](#)

[IPUs downloadable Criteria Chart](#)

[IPUs Portfolio Manual](#)

[Maintaining your CBIC certification through Infection Prevention Units webinar](#)



**ADVANCED
LEADERSHIP
CERTIFICATION**

IN

**INFECTION
PREVENTION**

CBIC Certification: AL-CIP™



- The Advanced Leadership Certification in Infection Prevention & Control (AL-CIP) is an assessment of knowledge, skills and abilities expected of individuals who demonstrate professional expertise, leadership and impact in the field of infection prevention and control.
- Portfolio-based assessment.
- Demonstrates leadership within infection prevention and control that has a measurable impact.
- Next application cycle: July 13-August 17, 2026

AL-CIP™ in the News

From the *American Journal of Infection Control*: Leadership experiences of infection prevention and control professionals: Findings from the Leadership Evaluation and Development for Infection Preventionists (LEAD-IP) study











- Certified IPs described a transition from task-oriented roles to **systems-level leadership**, emphasizing data use, structured improvement models, inclusive team engagement, communication, and psychological safety.
- The AL-CIP™ was seen as reinforcing **leadership identity, confidence, credibility, and career growth**, underscoring the value of targeted leadership development in strengthening IPC workforce capacity.

Leadership experiences of infection prevention and control professionals: Findings from the Leadership Evaluation and Development for Infection Preventionists (LEAD-IP) study

Ruch, Kayla E. et al.

American Journal of Infection Control, Volume 0, Issue 0

AL-CIP™ Certificants Around the World

	Country	# of AL-CIPs
	United States	132
	Canada	20
	Saudi Arabia	16
	United Arab Emirates	4
	Singapore	1
	Qatar	1
	Kenya	1
	Argentina	1
	India	1
	Ukraine	1

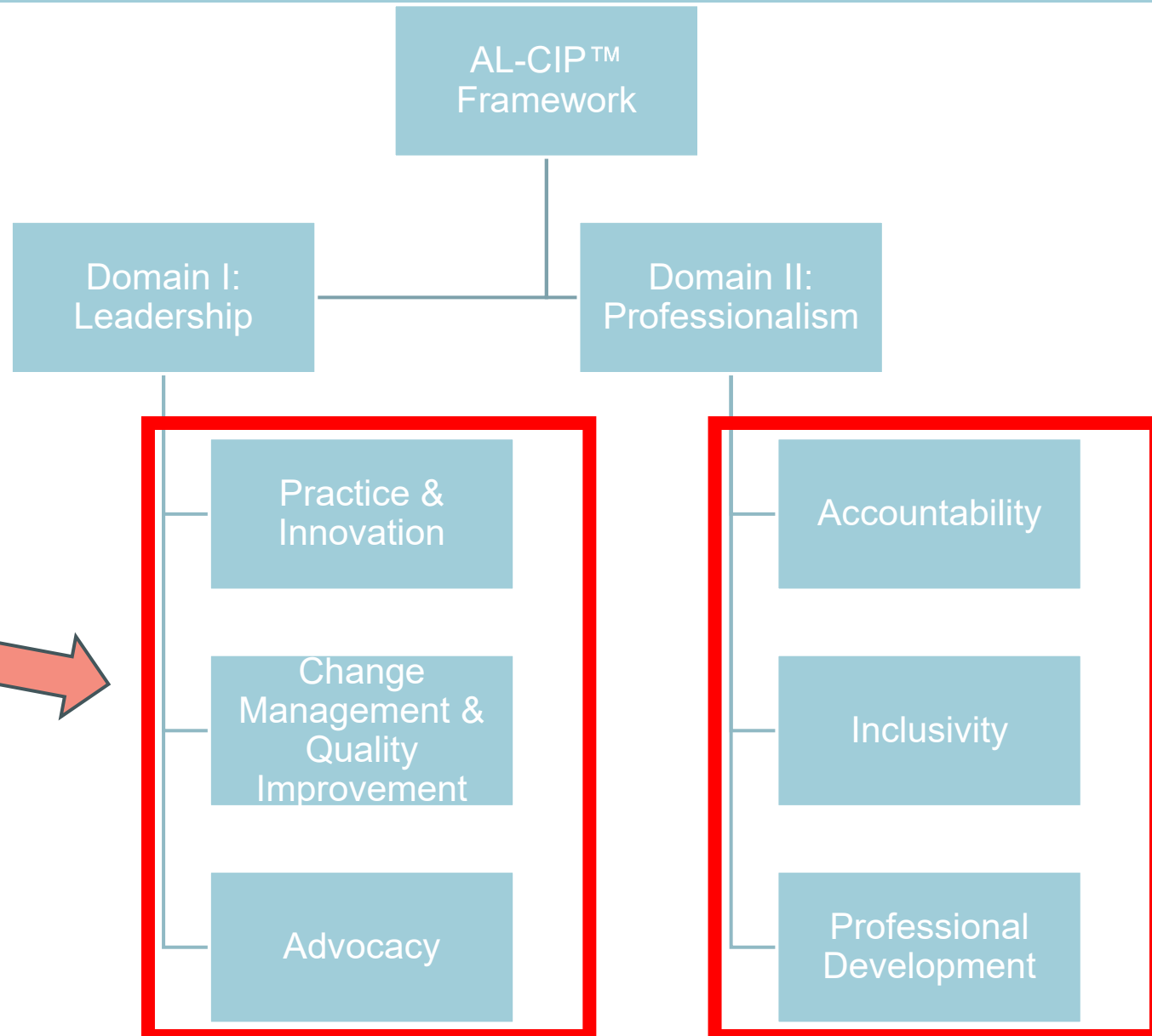
- 178 AL-CIPs worldwide
- Released in 2025



AL-CIP™ Eligibility Requirements

1. Active CIC® or LTC-CIP® certification
2. Demonstrated positive impact on the profession: Active engagement and advanced infection prevention and control practice, leadership, education, research, policy and/or advocacy for a recommended minimum of 7-10 years.

AL-CIP™ Framework



Examples of evidence*:

- Publications (e.g., peer and non-peer-reviewed journal article, guidelines, compendium). For this type of evidence, include a description of your role in the publication and/or your role in the activities described in the publication in your rationale.
- Presentations (e.g., chapter, regional, national, or international conferences; in-person, virtual, classroom, workshop; poster presentation). For this type of evidence, describe your role in the presentation (development, implementation, delivery, etc.) in your rationale.
- Work product (e.g., toolkits, guidance documents, strategic plan, website, practice changes). For this type of evidence, clearly describe your contribution to the work product (e.g., independent, as part of a team, activities, outcomes as a result of the product) in your rationale.

*all supporting evidence provided must be within the last ten years

Examples of evidence*:

- Program development materials (e.g., academic syllabus, website, course materials, program evaluation). For this type of evidence, describe your role in the program (e.g., original proposer, development, teaching, co-teaching, etc.) in your rationale.
- Credential / certifications relevant to leadership in IPC (e.g., Six sigma black belt, CPHQ, CPH, CEU/CPD). For this type of evidence, describe programs or outcomes that resulted from you having achieved this credential or certification, in your rationale.

*all supporting evidence provided must be within the last ten years

AL-CIP™ Resources

Visit the CBIC website to learn more: <https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/Get-Certified/Get-Started/Advanced-Certification-in-Infection-Prevention.htm>

- Frequently asked questions
- Tips for Success Document
- Pre-recorded webinar
- Sign up for an informational session
- Read more about the framework

We asked! What does certification mean to you?



Aulin Vitus, BSN, RN, CIC

Being the infection prevention and control manager at my workplace challenged me to move out of my comfort zone and be more proactive by engaging with different stakeholders.

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Barmak Kusha, MPH, CIC

There has never been a better time than now to enter the field, for a variety of reasons. I advise to take the time to shadow, intern, or consult in a hospital IPC department, and experience all the aspects of the profession as much as they can...

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Benjamin Pagarigan, III, MD, BSMT, MHA, CIC

Being a CIC is not just letters or words that can be added after your name. It is a legacy that you can show the world that you have the knowledge and you can confidently manage any facility, any infections, any outbreak with patient safety in mind in making the world safe thru infection prevention.

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Azhar Aziz, CIC

Being CIC gives me more confidence, more experience and stimulation to continue my pathway and more success

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Benjamin Galvan, MLS(ASCP), CIC

Taking on the role of infection preventionist has given me the opportunity to challenge myself, get out of my comfort zone, and truly engage with my coworkers and colleagues throughout the hospital.

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Brandi Ford, CIC

I have only held my CIC certificate for a short while, but just in merely studying for the exam, I learned so much about my day-to-day work in my current position! I now have more confidence in providing and submitting information to Physicians and to Administrative levels.

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- Being a CIC® means that I have reached a level of proficiency as an IP professional where I am respected and relied on for my expertise. I take pride in being recognized for the professional practice experience and scientific knowledge base required to be an independent IP professional.
- I became CIC® certified for a few reasons. To identify any knowledge gaps while I was learning to be an IP, validate my self-training, in other words to prove to myself and others that “I knew what I knew”.
- I have worked in the senior living industry for 30 years and feel that learning and growth are essential to nursing practices. This certification adds another layer of expertise and can be applied to many different aspects of care delivery.

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11 AM- 330 PM

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