



The Certified Ambulatory Infection Preventionist (CAIP)[™] is the first certification designed specifically for the Infection Preventionist in the ASC industry. The certification is administered by the Board of Ambulatory Surgery Certification (BASC), a non-profit organization. To obtain the certification, an individual must meet certain eligibility requirements and achieve a passing score on an examination designed specifically to test the knowledge considered relevant to be an Infection Preventionist in an ASC.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to take the CAIP[™] Examination, the applicant must meet all requirements listed below before applying for the examination.

1) Licensure:

The applicant must be a licensed healthcare professional who is responsible for the ASC's infection prevention program.

2) Experience:

The applicant must have two years' cumulative experience in infection prevention as outlined in the applicant's signed job description.

OR

The applicant holds the Certified Infection Control (CIC) credential.

3) Infection Prevention Education:

The applicant must have obtained ten contact hours in infection prevention education over the last two years.

Examination Content

The CAIP[™] examination was developed through a combined effort of qualified subject-matter experts and testing professionals, who constructed the examination in accordance with the CAIP[™] Examination Content Outline. The CAIP[™] examination is computer based and is composed of 150 multiple-choice test items. A candidate is allowed three hours to complete the examination. The examination is based on five major content areas:

1. Infection Prevention Program Development, Implementation, & Maintenance,
2. Infection Prevention Education and Training,
3. Surveillance, Data Collection & Analysis,
4. Infection Prevention Strategies, and
5. Instrument/Equipment Cleaning, Disinfection & Sterilization

The cost of the exam is \$345.00.

Examination Period

The first testing period for the CAIP™ examination will be October 1 – 31, 2018. The electronic application for the October testing period will be August 1 – 31, 2018.

Recertification Process

The CAIP™ certification is valid for three years, so long as the Candidate pays the required annual certification fee and submits the appropriate continuing education. Once a Candidate has passed the CAIP™ examination and been awarded the three-year certification, the Certificant must stay current with infection control developments. This can be obtained by attending approved educational programs to obtain Infection Prevention Contact Hours (IPCH) in each of the five content areas listed above on an ongoing basis.

Fees

- All certificants must pay the annual fee of \$50 during the payment period of October 1 – December 31, via the CAIP™ online recertification system **every year** or their certification will be revoked. There will be no extension period allowed.

IPCHs

- All certificants must submit 30 IPCHs (six IPCHs in each of the five content areas) **once** in their Three-Year Recertification Cycle via the CAIP™ online recertification system by December 31 of their Three-Year Recertification Cycle or their certification will be revoked. There will be no extension period allowed.

Information regarding the new CAIP™ website and CAIP™ Handbook will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, send them to caip@aboutcaip.org or call 703.836.4871.