

WHY CERTIFICATION IS IMPORTANT

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BCCTPC
Board For Critical Care
Transport Paramedic
Certification

Critical Care

FPC **CCP-C**

**Tactical
Medicine**

TRC **TPC**

**Community
Paramedicine**

CPC

**Safety
Professional**

MTSP-C

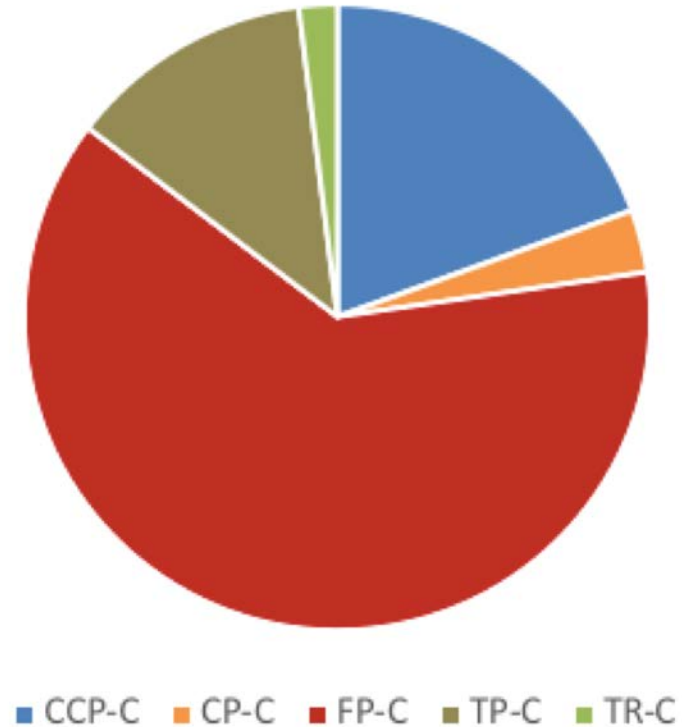
Volunteer & Not-for-Profit
organization created in
1998

by a bunch of flight
paramedics

Currently certified worldwide in 2017

2017 Examinations

CP-C	190
CCP-C	1564
FP-C	7473
TP-C	620
TR-C	55
Total	9902



MAJOR CREDENTIALING PHASES

1. Candidate completes an “approved” education program
2. Candidate meets qualification requirements (entry requirements)
3. Candidate meets initial certification requirements
 - ▶ Cognitive examination
 - ▶ Psychomotor validation
 - ▶ Affective validation
4. Certificant demonstrates continued competency

STANDARD- IZATION

WHY SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION?



- ▶ EXAMINATIONS are not meant to test entry-level knowledge, but rather to TEST the experienced paramedics' SKILLS and KNOWLEDGE.
- ▶ The Certified Community Paramedic (CP-C) credential targets competency at the MASTERY LEVEL OF PARAMEDIC PRACTICE coupled with entry-level competency over the knowledge, skills and abilities contained within the Community Paramedic specialty.

CREDENTIALING

- ▶ The process of **VALIDATING KNOWLEDGE** and skills of a medical provider.
- ▶ **CREDENTIALING** is increasingly important because it is the one procedure that **ALLOWS PATIENTS** to confidently place their **TRUST** in their healthcare providers.
- ▶ Follows a **STANDARDIZED PROCESS** involving data collection, primary source verification and committee review.
- ▶ **HOSPITALS, REGULATORS, PEERS** and **PATIENTS** are assured of their healthcare professional's **MERIT** and **EXPERIENCE**.



PRACTICE GUIDELINES

- ▶ There is NOT a prescribed education program tied to any examination.
- ▶ Examinations measure a UNIQUE DOMAIN beyond entry-level certification or licensure.
- ▶ Standardizes a uniform definition for specialty paramedic practice.
- ▶ Provides a structured approach to assuring the development of valid and legally defensible certification programs

DETAILED CONTENT OUTLINES

- ▶ Based on the results of these studies, changes to blueprints and what questions are written for the examinations are considered.
- ▶ This process insures that the exams reflect the ongoing changes that occur in practice.

UPDATING THE BLUEPRINT

- ▶ SURVEY practicing professionals regarding the COMPONENTS of their PRACTICE.
- ▶ CONTENT VALIDATION studies are conducted for each exam at least EVERY 5 YEARS.

LEGAL RISK

- ▶ The LEGAL RISK to the employer and the medical director INCREASES EXPONENTIALLY without validation of clinical competency.
- ▶ By insuring the test development processes and the test evaluation procedures are psychometrically sound and legally defensible insures that the examinations are a TRUE and ACCURATE measure of knowledge, skills and abilities.

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- ▶ An external unbiased certification program assures that everyone meets certain standards of practice
- ▶ Unbiased, third party evaluation is the “gold standard” for certification.
- ▶ Difficult to get right and requires constant updates
- ▶ Expensive in both HR and costs

THE IBSC MISSION

To improve the quality of the care delivered by paramedics and other healthcare professionals functioning in a specialty environment by measuring and validating their knowledge and skills. This is accomplished by providing a family of specialty certification exams that are an objective, fair, and honest validation of a unique domain of knowledge.



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By offering the only specialty examination process of its kind, the IBSC offers validation of the best practices in care and creates a de facto International standard for the critical care transport, flight paramedic, tactical paramedic and community paramedic practitioner.



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