

Strategic Transition of ISPE's CPIP Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Is the CPIP certification program being changed?

ISPE's certification program, CPIP, will evolve to a re-certification program as of 30 November, 2013.

- Professionals who are currently holding the CPIP credential will be able to maintain that credential and be recognized for demonstrating the level of competence required to achieve it as long as they continue to meet recertification guidelines.
- Professionals currently in the process of seeking the credential will have until 31 May 2014 to complete all requirements.

Why is the CPIP certification program being changed?

The program is being changed in response to industry conditions that have changed since the CPIP credential was first launched in 2006.

How is this change going to benefit ISPE's Members?

Making this change allows ISPE to continue to sharpen the organization's focus so that we:

- Respect the achievement of professionals who have received the CPIP credential
- Are positioned to respond to the evolving needs and changing dynamics of the industry and its professionals it serves by addressing emerging issues such as drug shortages and quality metrics.
- Devote resources to developing and deliver leading-edge technical and regulatory information in a timely way
- Provide education training and support in formats and that appeal to the Society's 20,000 global Members and to professionals seeking information that helps them solve immediate challenges at work

Will ISPE continue to offer a credential or introduce other programs that are a better fit with the needs of professionals today?

Working with and through its Affiliate/Chapter network and nonprofit partners, ISPE is exploring innovative approaches for addressing the credentialing, knowledge acquisition and group study needs that still exist in the evolving market. We anticipate further announcements in 2014.

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Is the CPIP certification program still open to new candidates?

Yes, the opportunity to obtain the CPIP credential will be available for a limited period of time. New candidates must meet the eligibility requirements and submit an eligibility application by November 30, 2013, complete relevant interim steps and pass the examination before May 31, 2014.

I am a CPIP; how do I maintain my credential?

- CPIPs retain their status and can continue to use the letters CPIP after their names as long as they maintain their credential. This occurs through recertification using the existing recertification process.
- CPIPs whose recertification status is currently suspended or overdue -- but who wish to continue as CPIPs -- must bring their credential up to date by March 31, 2014, or have their credential permanently revoked.

What about professionals currently in the process of seeking the CPIP certification?

Professionals currently in the process of seeking the credential will have until 31 May 2014 to complete all requirements including successfully passing the exam.

- Professionals who submitted eligibility applications before June 1, 2013, and whose eligibility has been approved, may submit an examination application, schedule and take the examination prior to May 31, 2014. If successful they will be awarded the CPIP certification and could maintain certification through the CPIP recertification process.
- Professionals who submitted eligibility applications after June 1, 2013, and whose eligibility has been approved may choose from two alternatives:
 - They may submit an examination application, schedule and take the examination prior to May 31, 2014. If successful they will be awarded the CPIP certification could maintain certification through the CPIP recertification process.
 - Alternately, they may request a refund of their eligibility application fee.
- Professionals who submitted an eligibility application after June 1, 2013, and whose
 eligibility is pending may complete the eligibility process, submit an examination application,
 schedule and take the examination prior to May 31, 2014. After passing the exam, these
 professionals could maintain the CPIP credential through the recertification process.
 Alternately, professionals in this situation may request a refund of their eligibility application
 fee.

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Will those currently enrolled in CPIP study groups be able to complete the study group and be permitted continued access to the learning resources that have been used in the study group?

- ISPE will continue to provide access to the learning resources for study groups that are currently underway or those already scheduled for commencement during 2013
- Individuals enrolled in the study group may complete the course material whether they plan to continue in the pursuit of CPIP or not.
- ISPE will encourage the sponsors (Affiliates, Chapters, or other individuals or organizations)
 to continue and complete the study group courses since these study groups provide a
 valuable experience for industry professionals for networking and providing important
 fundamental industry knowledge.
- No new CPIP-specific study groups will be formed for 2014.
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 exploring innovative approaches for addressing the credentialing, knowledge acquisition and
 group study needs that exist in the evolving market. We anticipate further announcements in
 2014.

Whom should I contact if I have a question not on this list?

- Questions specific to the CPIP credentialing program or to individuals' status with regard to CPIP should be directed to Michael Phelan, Director of Professional Certification, via email mphelan@ispe.org or telephone +1.813.960.2105.
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