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REGIONAL NETWORKING EVENTS

October 6, 2017
Fall Into SPHM
LaCrosse, WI

[Registration Form](#)



TAKING CERTIFICATION TO ANOTHER LEVEL

Check our Website
for updates on these
and other
networking events.

CERTIFICANTS

Remember to use your
CSPHP or CSPHA
designation on
everything you do!

The ASPHP Needs You!

Please consider
contributing to the
growth of SPHM by
volunteering time or
examination questions
to the ASPHP.

"P" Certificants are
eligible to submit
questions. Instructions
for formulating
questions are on our
[website](#). We especially
need questions for the
new C exam on the
topics of Team
Leadership and
Training Deployment.

Both the Certification
& Renewal Committee
and the Exam
Committee need more
"hands" to be
successful in their
work of promoting and
approving certified
SPH practitioners. We
have opportunities for
both A and P-level
Certificants.
Committee work can
be done at your
convenience. Each
committee does meet

ASPHP is pleased to announce a new [Certification](#) in safe patient handling and mobility. The Certified Safe Patient Handling Clinician (CSPHC) designation will provide recognition for licensed caregivers coordinating or supporting SPHM practices "at the bedside" for their organization. Licensed professionals such as RNs, OTs, PTs, PAs and others seeking distinction for their SPHM expertise may be interested in pursuing this credential.

Achieving the CSPHC credentialing is a two-step process: first, acceptance of an application portfolio documenting the required experience and education; second, completion of an examination with a passing score. Further assistance with questions and/or in-depth guidance is available through the Certification [mentorship program](#).

The first 15 applicants meeting the application requirements for the Certified Safe Patient Handling Clinician credential will be granted "grandfather" status and will be awarded the CSPHC credential provided they participate in the CSPHC examination validation process. The validation process entails that the first 15 awarded CSPHC to complete the examination process. Regardless of the examination outcome, the first 15 awarded CSPHC applicants will remain credentialed, provided they continue meeting the [maintenance & renewal requirements](#) of the credential.

Applications will be accepted beginning October 1, 2017. Please review the certification requirements, application, mentorship program, and associated fees on the Certification webpage of the ASPHP. Questions or requests for a mentor can be may be directed to Patti Wawzyniecki at pwawzyniecki@hovermatt.com.

There is recognized value for both the certificant and the organization in SPHM certification. According to the 2016 AON WC Barometer, the average cost of claims for systems where more than 25 percent of staff are certified is significantly lower (\$4,200 vs. \$7,300). 1

This is the only SPHM certification currently available. It is recognized by Magnet and the VA and known to OSHA as evidence of "experience and credential of the person(s) responsible for administering the system" that OSHA is required to evaluate.

1) *The 2016 Aon Health Care Workers Compensation Barometer, 3rd Edition, Aon plc.*

once a month by phone for an hour, but attendance every month is not mandatory.

As a bonus, one Professional Development hour per year is awarded for work on each of these committees and for each accepted exam questions. Please contact us for more info: info@asphp.org or (610) 248-9911.

RESOURCES FOR SELF-ASSESSMENTS: OSHA - NIOSH - ANA

Whether your program is just beginning or further along on the SPHM journey, there are tools available to assist you in evaluating your program status, and then guiding you with specific steps to develop a complete "SPHM system."



OSHA and NIOSH resources also include assistance with ergonomic training, safety management & specific patient-handling topics at no charge, including down-loadable templates.

[Template 1](#)
[Template 2](#)



CERTIFICANT STAGE: *NEW "P" CERTIFICANT*

BY: **TIM BUCHANAN**, CSPHP, VA SPHM Facility Coordinator & VISN 15 Lead

Each quarter, the Certification newsletter will "headline" a certificant. This month, please welcome Mr. Tim Buchanan, CSPHP, SPHM Facility Coordinator for the St. Louis Veterans Affairs Health Care System and SPHM Lead Point-of-Contact for the Mid-West VISN 15 region.

Tim and his wife Tina, married for 22 years, have 3 teenage children and live in a log home surrounded by 40 acres of woods. He enjoys doing anything outside!

ASPHP: How did you get started in Safe Pt Handling?

TB: In 2009, by attending a SPHM conference and meeting Mary Matz and Audrey Nelson, not fully understanding what I had gotten myself into! All I knew at the time was that these two ladies had an enthusiastic vision and expected me to get on board the ship of SPHM in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) system. Since that time, I have developed a passion for SPHM and really love what I do and seeing the impact that this program has demonstrated for both veterans and caregivers.

ASPHP: Can you describe your day-to-day activities?

TB: My full-time activities include training & educating staff, injury analysis & action plan formulation, ergonomic assessments and oversight of SPHM equipment procurement & maintenance as well as renovations & new construction projects. My VISN 15 responsibilities are wider in scope and include development of best practices, formulating strategies injury reduction, promoting training & professional development along with management & accountability of the SPHM program to the VISN 15 Patient Safety Committee and Executive Leadership Team.

Currently I am facilitating planning for a VHA wide VISN SPHM Point of Contact Conference. This conference is a first for VHA and will serve as a critical link to communicate VHA National SPHM policy to each VISN SPHM and equip them with the tools necessary to fully implement the recently revised VHA SPHM Directive in each of their respective regions.

ASPHP: Why did you get certified?



ANA provides an initial assessment tool, and then more specific guidance on each of their SPHM [Interdisciplinary standards](#)

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[Click Here](#) to access the application as well as all information regarding certification.

TB: I achieved CSPHP certification on June of this year. I had been holding off for a while, waiting for VA to recognize the certification. While at the national SPHM/Falls conference, I joined ASPHP and was encouraged to pursue certification. Shortly after the conference, VA finally recognized CSPHP and that was the final nudge to achieve certification!

ASPHP: Has Certification made a difference for you and the VA?

TB: Achieving CSPHP certification has sparked conversation within my local, regional, and national VHA community about the process & benefits of SPHM certification. I haven't seen any immediate changes since my certification last month, but the credential serves a culmination of efforts to be more active in my local, regional, and national SPHM advocacy roles.

CERTIFICATION FAQ

How do I earn approved Professional Development Hours?

Certificants maintain their credential by earning Professional Development (PD) hours. While some work activities, such as providing patient-handling equipment training, qualify for PD hours, the primary goal of PD is to expand the knowledge of the certificant in the nine core competency subject areas of SPHM. The emphasis is on the certificant acquiring education to further their SPHM expertise. The nine core competencies and approved PD categories and activities are listed on the Certification webpage. Please don't hesitate to ask questions during your three-year maintenance period - www.info@asphp.org.

FYI: if you are providing education/training/in-services, you receive credit for presenting each unique session or device once per year. Multiple presentations of same material or device are not approved.

[Approved Professional Development List](#)



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