

ASPHP Certification Program



Find the right fit for your career

The Association of Safe Patient Handling Professionals certification program is designed to allow a wide range of educational and experiential backgrounds to participate.* Certification is a formal recognition that validates the knowledge, skills and experience of the certified individual.

Choose from three levels of certification offerings to reach your safe patient handling and mobility (SPHM) goals:

- Certified Safe Patient Handling Associate (CSPHA)
- Certified Safe Patient Handling Professional (CSPHP)
- Certified Safe Patient Handling Clinician (CSPHC)

*Membership in ASPHP is not a prerequisite to pursue certification.



Value of Certification for Individuals

Certification can lead to higher visibility and increased job opportunities. In today's increasingly complex healthcare economy, credentials are a valuable asset that ensure the experience and knowledge of the SPHM certificant.

- Increasingly employers are looking at certification as a way to assess whether an individual possesses the skills and knowledge required for successful job performance.
- Organizations want to hire and retain the best qualified people who will make positive contributions to caregiver safety and quality patient care.
- Studies have shown that individuals who are certified in their field have higher salaries and better opportunities for promotion.
- Certification in SPHM indicates that an individual has met specific rigorous requirements. Periodic re-certification ensures that certified individuals have participated in educational and other activities to maintain their knowledge and competence.



Value of Certificants for Organizations

It's in the best interest of healthcare organizations and related businesses to support their employees in achieving certification. The benefits of their credentials and knowledge raise the status of the entire organization.

- ASPHP certifications are recognized as valid credentialing for SPHM by OSHA, as well as the VA and ANCC Magnet Recognition Program®.
- Certificants have proven dedication to maintaining quality and bring added value to their organizations.
- OSHA evaluates the experience and credentialing of SPHM coordinators during healthcare inspections and visits.
- Healthcare systems with certified SPHM programs tend to exhibit lower claims costs.**

** Results from "The 2016 Aon Health Care Workers Compensation Barometer, 3rd Edition" published by Aon plc.



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