



Certified
Safe Patient
Handling
Professionals

CSPHA Application



Please complete this form, provide supporting documentation, and
EMAIL TO info@asphp.org
SUBJECT LINE: CSPHA APPLICATION PACKAGE.

Download the form to complete. Applicant needs to complete this form electronically. Hand-written applications will not be accepted. Be sure to add N/A (not applicable) to sections that are not relevant.

See payment information on page 7.

The ASPHP Certification Group has established nine core competencies; identified as subject areas beneficial for those leading and supporting SPHM programs.

While an Associate applicant is not expected to be proficient in all of these, these are the skill sets that the certification committee will examine in the applicant’s work history, recommendations, professional development and resume. We encourage applicants for Associate certification to ensure that their submission materials include evidence in the competencies applicable to the scope of Associate certification.

In addition, these nine skill sets are what we encourage certificants to continue to build through future professional development/continuing education.

NINE CORE COMPETENCIES: Skill Areas

Financial Acumen - Demonstrated through budgeting, cost justification and/or vendor negotiation

Team Leadership - Demonstrated through assembling and leading a cross functional team

Policy and Procedure Deployment - Demonstrated through the development, modification and implementation of SPH P&P

Training Deployment - Demonstrated by development and delivery of training

Clinical Knowledge & Experience - Demonstrated through clinical job duties

Risk Analysis & Control - Demonstrated through formal analyses and linking control measures to risk results

Program Promotion - Demonstrated by promoting the benefits and/or results of the SPH program internally and externally

Program Audit - Demonstrated by a formal review and reporting of program performance

Unit Specific Customization - Demonstrated by adapting procedures to unit specific and patient specific needs.

CSPHA Application Checklist

PLEASE USE THIS CHECKLIST TO ASSURE THAT YOU HAVE INCLUDED THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AND PAYMENT WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

The following documents are to be submitted:

Current certification application must be used—please check website

Membership application (if desired/optional)

Proof of education

- College/university transcript (unofficial is acceptable) OR
- Copy of diploma

Proof of related work experience

- Resume or employer job description

Proof of SPHM-related work experience

- Resume or employer job description

Letters of recommendation

- All letters must be dated within one-year of the application date and include the author's signature, contact information (name, employer, title, telephone and email) and preferably be submitted on letterhead.

Professional development hours and appropriate verification documentation (e.g. Certificate of Attendance, Attendance Roster)—please refer to the chart on the last page of the application

Please note:

- ✓ Only completed applications with all required documentation in the forms identified above will be accepted for review.
- ✓ If an application is not completed according to instructions, it will be returned for corrections.
- ✓ All information must come directly from the applicant at one time; no third-party submissions will be accepted.
- ✓ **All fees are non-refundable.**

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Current Employer & Address: _____

Job Title: _____

(Optional)

Please provide the name and contact information of the person within your organization that you would like notified when you achieve certification:

Name & Email Address: _____

Publication of Certification: The Association would like to post your achievement in an announcement to our members. Please indicate below your preference to have your name included or not included.

I agree to publication of my name and achievement of certification by ASPHP

I do not want my name publicized by ASPHP

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Please complete each section of the application in-full. Insert "N/A" where you have no data to enter.
- 2) The CERTIFICATION webpage lists the acceptable forms of documentation for each item below and a full description of the requirements.

1. RELATED EXPERIENCE and/or EDUCATION^{1,2}

Requirement: 3-years of related experience, or 3-years of post-secondary education, or a combination of the two, totaling 3-years.

Check the box that most closely matches your related experience.

Next, insert job description &/or education information in the corresponding section below.

3-years of related experience

3-years of post-secondary education

3-year combination of related experience and education

¹ This requirement may be met with either education or related experience totaling 3 years, or, a combination of the two may total 3 years.

² The time periods do not need to be consecutive.

3-Years of Related Experience *

Employer & Address: _____

Job Title: _____

Dates of Employment Mo/Yr. _____ To: Mo/Yr _____

Total Number of Years: _____

Primary Job Duties: _____

Type of Documentation Provided:

Two documentation options: Resume or Employer Job Description

**If necessary add additional employer information on page 7.*

3-Years of Post-Secondary Education *

Institution, City, State: _____

Subject Area: _____

Dates Attended Mo/Yr. _____ To: Mo/Yr _____

Total Number of Years: _____ Degree Obtained: _____

Type of Documentation Provided: *Copy of Diploma or Transcript (unofficial is acceptable)*

**If necessary add additional education information on page 7.*

3-Years combination of Post-Secondary Education and Related Experience

Employer & Address: _____

Job Title: _____

Dates of Employment Mo/Yr. _____ To: Mo/Yr _____

Total Number of Years: _____

Primary Job Duties: _____

Type of Documentation Provided:

Two documentation options: Resume or Employer Job Description

Institution, City, State: _____

Subject Area: _____

Dates Attended Mo/Yr. _____ To: Mo/Yr _____

Total Number of Years: _____ Degree Obtained: _____

Type of Documentation Provided: *Copy of Diploma or Transcript (unofficial is acceptable)*

** If necessary add additional employer and education information on page 7.*

2. SAFE PATIENT HANDLING & MOBILITY – SPECIFIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Requirement: 1-Year of Safe Patient Handling & Mobility-Specific Work Experience, in an organization with a SPHM program where your duties include responsibilities associated with that program *

**If the related experience you listed in Requirement 1 includes SPHM specific duties, then that experience may be credited towards both Requirement 1 and Requirement 2.*

Please check here if your requirement 1 experience meets requirement 2.

** Do not to fill in the section below if you have checked the box above*

Employer & Address: _____

Job Title: _____

Dates of Employment Mo/Yr. _____ To: Mo/Yr _____

Total Number of Years: _____

Description of the Safe Patient Handling & Mobility Activities and Job Duties Performed: _____

Type of Documentation Provided: _____

** If necessary: add additional information at the end of this application.*

3. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION *

Check One Box and insert information about author(s) in appropriate space below.

Attach letters with application.

Letter written by a CSPHP (Certified Safe Patient Handling Professional). (Only one letter required)

Letters are not written by a CSPHP. (Two letters are required)

** NOTE: Letters must describe your SPHM activities, competencies and skills. Letters lacking details will be returned for resubmittal.*

Letter Number 1:

Name of Writer, Credentials, Employer and Job Title: _____

Relationship to Applicant: (select one) mentor colleague manager client/customer supervisor

Length of Time has Known Applicant in SPHM Role: _____ years _____ months

Letter Number 2 (if required):

Name of Writer, Credentials, Employer and Job Title: _____

Relationship to Applicant: (select one) mentor colleague manager client/customer supervisor

Length of Time has Known Applicant in SPHM Role: _____ years _____ months

4. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

REQUIREMENT: (10) SPHM-related Professional Development Hours (PDH) during the last two years.

NOTE: For the multiple ways to earn Professional Development Hours (PDH), please refer to the last few pages of the application.

NOTE: Verification documentation must adhere to the guidelines stated in the Professional Development Activities Chart. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in your application being returned for resubmittal.

- ✓ All letters must be signed by the author.
- ✓ Agendas will not be accepted.
- ✓ Work-related activities (other than providing training, education and competency) will not be accepted.
- ✓ Please do not submit PowerPoints or training content

Instructions by Column:

- A. This number can be found on the Professional Development Activities Chart (far left-hand column).
- B. Briefly describe your activity. List your activities in chronological order.
- C. Record the date(s) that you were involved in the activity.
- D. Indicate the number of Professional Development Hours (PDH) for this activity.
- E. List the specific documents you are sending in that verify completion of the activity. Refer to the Professional Development Activities Chart for what verification documentation is required.
- F. What is the name of the electronic DOC/PDF file you are sending to us?

(A) ID #	(B) DESCRIPTION ACTIVITY	(C) DATE (MM/YY)	(D) PDH VALUE	(E) TYPE OF DOC	(F) NAME OF DOC/PDF
TOTAL:					

PAYMENT

By Check (Make check to ASPHP)

Mail to: ASPHP Headquarters, 125 Warrendale Bayne Road, Suite 375, Warrendale, PA 15086

Or by Card: Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ 3 or 4 digit Security Code: _____

Name on Card: _____ Card Billing Address: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Item____:

Item____:

By submitting this application, I certify that I have read all of the instructions as outlined by the ASPHP's Certification and Renewal Committee and have completed this application in its entirety according to the stipulated guidelines. I further acknowledge that all information contained herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Initials

Date

Professional Development (PD) Categories: Permitted Number of Hours and Approved Documentation

*A Note to All Clinician and Professional Applicants/Certificants:

At least 25% of the total number of PD hours required must be acquired from external sources (not affiliated with your employer).

- CSPHCs – 4 PD hours externally at time of application/6 PD hours externally at time of renewal
- CSPHPs – 9 PD hours externally at time of application and renewal

ID #	Activity	PDH Value (PDH = Professional Development Hour)	Max PDH per Initial Application and 3-Year Cycle	Verification Documentation
CONFERENCES/COURSES				
1	Attend professional conferences, workshops, seminars or webinars specific to Safe Patient Handling. Topics may be specific to any of the elements listed among the Nine Core Competencies; please refer to the <i>Certification Handbook</i> for more information.	1 Hour = 1 PDH	Unlimited	A signed letter or certificate of attendance issued by the sponsoring organization verifying dates, event title, attendee name, and contact hours/CEUs. <i>*Please Note: Sign-in sheets will not be accepted as sole proof of attendance.</i>
2	Attend professional conferences, workshops, seminars or webinars on topics supporting your role in the SPHM program.	1 Hour = 1 PDH	Unlimited	Write a one paragraph explanation explaining how you used this information to benefit the SPHM program at your facility. AND A signed letter or certificate of attendance issued by the sponsoring organization verifying dates, event title, attendee name, and contact hours/CEUs. <i>*Please Note: Sign-in sheets will not be accepted as sole proof of attendance.</i>
3	Attend Safe Patient Handling and Mobility equipment in-services. <i>*Please Note: The same in-service may be claimed only once for PDH.</i>	1 Hour = 1 PDH	3 for CSPHA 9 for CSPHC* 9 for CSPHP*	A signed letter or certificate of attendance issued by the sponsoring organization/employer verifying dates, event title, attendee name, and duration of in-service (start/end time). <i>*Please Note: Sign-in sheets will not be accepted as sole proof of attendance.</i>
4	Attend employer-provided workplace continuing education. Topic must be relatable to SPHM. <i>*Please Note: The same in-service may be claimed only once for PDH.</i>	1 Hour = 1 PDH	3 for CSPHA 9 for CSPHC* 9 for CSPHP*	A signed letter or certificate of attendance issued by the employer verifying dates, event title, attendee name, and contact hours/CEUs. <i>*Please Note: Sign-in sheets will not be accepted as sole proof of attendance.</i>
5	Successfully complete education (e.g. certificate programs, online courses, workshops) with an assessment component at the end of the program (e.g. scored test, paper, project). Topics must be specific to SPHM or SPHM-related. Examples of providers include: AOTA, APTA, ANA, AMA, and IACET-authorized providers.	1 Hour = 1 PDH	3 for CSPHA 6 for CSPHC 9 for CSPHP	A signed letter or certificate of attendance issued by the education provider verifying dates, event title, attendee name, and the successful completion of the program.

ID #	Activity	PDH Value (PDH = Professional Development Hour)	Max PDH per Initial Application and 3-Year Cycle	Verification Documentation
6	Successfully complete and pass academic coursework at accredited schools of higher learning. Course must be relatable to SPHM.	1 Credit = 1 PDH	9 for CSPHA 9 for CSPHC 9 for CSPHP	A transcript indicating date of course, satisfactory completion, title of course and number of credits received. <i>*Please Note: We will accept an unofficial transcript if you are unable to obtain an official transcript with a registrar's seal.</i>
INDEPENDENT LEARNING				
7	Read a peer-reviewed, practice-related professional journal article and/or textbook chapter, and write a report describing the implications for improving skills in one's specific role. Topics may be specific to any of the elements listed among the Nine Core Competencies; please refer to the <i>Certification Handbook</i> for more information.	2 articles or 2 chapters = 1 PDH	3 for CSPHA 6 for CSPHC 9 for CSPHP	Submit an affidavit of the hours spent on independent learning. AND Write an annotated bibliography and a report with analysis of how the article(s)/textbook have assisted with improving skills in one's role. The <i>Self-Directed Learning Form</i> is available at www.asphp.org/certification .
PRESENTING				
8	Serve as the primary or co-presenter at professional conferences (state, national or international), workshops, seminars or webinars specific to Safe Patient Handling. Topics may be specific to any of the elements listed among the Nine Core Competencies; refer to the <i>Certification Handbook</i> for more info. <i>*Please Note: The same presentation may be claimed only once for PDH.</i>	1 Hour = 1 PDH	Unlimited	A signed letter or official program listing from the sponsoring organization verifying dates, presentation title, your name as the presenter, and length of your presentation (start/end time).
9	Serve as the primary or co-presenter at professional conferences (state, national or international), workshops, seminars or webinars on topics regarding your facility's SPHM program. <i>*Please Note: The same presentation may be claimed only once for PDH.</i>	1 Hour = 1 PDH	Unlimited	Write a one paragraph explanation on how your facility benefitted from an SPHM program. AND A signed letter or official program listing from the sponsoring organization verifying dates, presentation title, your name as the presenter, and length of your presentation.
10	Present at Safe Patient Handling and Mobility equipment in-services. <i>*Please Note: The same presentation may be claimed only once for PDH.</i>	1 Hour = 1 PDH	3 for CSPHA 9 for CSPHC* 9 for CSPHP*	A signed letter issued by the sponsoring organization/employer verifying you as a presenter, dates, event title and duration of in-service (start/end time). <i>*Please Note: Sign-in sheets will not be accepted as sole proof of attendance.</i>
11	Serve as the primary or co-presenter of a poster presentation at professional conferences (state, national or international), workshops or seminars. Topic must be relatable to SPHM. <i>*Please Note: The same presentation may be claimed only once for PDH.</i>	1 Poster = 1 PDH	Unlimited	A signed letter or official program listing from the sponsoring organization verifying dates, presentation title, your name as the presenter, and length of your presentation (start/end time).

ID #	Activity	PDH Value (PDH = Professional Development Hour)	Max PDH per Initial Application and 3-Year Cycle	Verification Documentation
12	Serve as the primary or co-presenter for a local organization/group/association on a SPHM practice-related area. <i>*Please Note: The same presentation may be claimed only once for PDH.</i>	1 Hour = 1 PDH	Unlimited	A signed letter or official program listing from the sponsoring organization verifying dates, presentation title, your name as the presenter, and length of your presentation (start/end time).
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE				
13	Peer review of an SPHM practice-related research article or textbook.	1 Article = 1 PDH	Unlimited	A signed letter from the publishing organization verifying your role as a <i>Peer Reviewer</i> .
14	Write and submit an exam question that is accepted by the ASPHP's Examination Committee. <i>*Please Note: Only questions that are accepted and approved will receive credit.</i>	1 Question = 1 PDH	3 for CSPHA 6 for CSPHC 6 for CSPHP	Acknowledgement letter issued by the ASPHP's Examination Committee Chair and recorded by the ASPHP.
15	Serve as an active ASPHP committee member and participate in committee work.	1 Committee = 1 PDH	2 per year/6 per renewal cycle	Certificate issued by the ASPHP's committee Chair.
PUBLISHING				
16	Primary or co-author of an SPHM practice-related article in a professional peer-reviewed publication.	1 Article = 2 PDH	3 for CSPHA 6 for CSPHC 9 for CSPHP	Copy of published article or letter from Editor. <i>Must exceed 1000 words.</i> If there are more than 2 authors listed for the article, include an affidavit attesting to your contribution. <i>*Please Note: If your article was accepted for publication, but has not yet published, please provide a copy of the letter.</i>
17	Primary or co-author of an SPHM practice-related article in a professional non-peer-reviewed publication.	1 Article = 1 PDH	3 for CSPHA 6 for CSPHC 9 for CSPHP	Copy of published article or letter from Editor. <i>Must exceed 1000 words.</i> If there are more than 2 authors listed for the article, include an affidavit that your contribution was at least 50% of the writing effort. <i>*Please Note: If your article was accepted for publication, but has not yet published, please provide a copy of the letter</i>
18	Primary or co-author of a chapter in an SPHM practice-related professional textbook.	1 Chapter = 1 PDH	3 for CSPHA 6 for CSPHC 9 for CSPHP	Copy of published chapter or letter from Editor. <i>Must exceed 1000 words.</i> If there are more than 2 authors listed for the article, include an affidavit that your contribution was at least 50% of the writing effort. <i>*Please Note: If your article was accepted for publication, but has not yet published, please provide a copy of the letter.</i>