

# Maintaining Your CIC<sup>®</sup> or LTC-CIP Certification Through Infection Prevention Units: An Overview for Current and Prospective Certificates

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# What is CBIC?

*Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.*

Voluntary, autonomous, multidisciplinary board

**Mission:** Provide pathways to demonstrate and maintain competence in infection prevention and control.

**Vision:** A world free of infections through demonstrated professional competency.

# CBIC Examinations

- Certification in Infection Control (CIC®) Examination
- Certification in Infection Control Recertification Examination



# CBIC Examinations

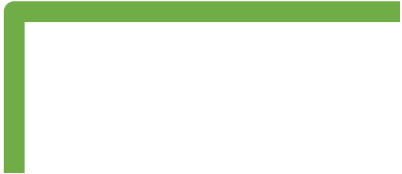
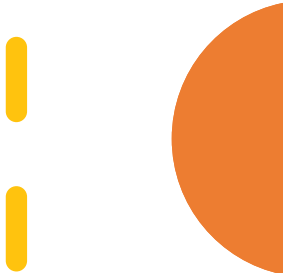
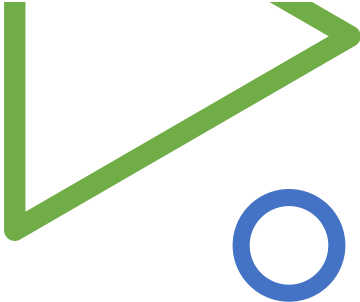
- Associate-Infection Prevention and Control (a-IPC™) Examination
- Long Term Care Certification in Infection Prevention (LTC-CIP)



# Strategic Priorities and Actions

- Expand accessibility to certification for professionals responsible for infection prevention across settings.
- Reduce disparities in infection prevention through a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Promote the value of demonstrated infection prevention competence.

# Recertification





# CIC<sup>®</sup>/LTC-CIP Recertification Overview



CIC/LTC-CIP certification is valid for five years from the year of successful examination.



Recertification takes place every five years



Recertification can be completed via infection prevention units (IPUs) or examination.



*Recertification by IPU's*



# What is an IPU?

- IPU = Infection Prevention Unit (IPU) = continuing education credits
  - Can be achieved by\*:
    - Presenting at conferences,
    - Authoring publications
    - Attending local or national conferences,
    - Participating in a professional organization in a position of leadership
    - And more! IPU guide available online.
- \*must be infection prevention related

# Recertification by IPU

- Candidates must submit an IPU portfolio demonstrating completion of a minimum of 40 IPUs
- IPUs must be provided by a credible organization and at least 20/40 infection prevention units must be sponsored through an accredited organization or state licensing board.
- Candidates can accumulate IPUs any time after their previous recertification submission date throughout their five-year recertification period
- Candidates may access IPU portfolio once certified and must submit by October 31<sup>st</sup> of their expiration year.

# New! Recertification by IPU

- To promote continuous learning, effective 2028, candidates must demonstrate that a portion of their IPU have been attained in different years of the 5-year recertification cycle.
- Effective 2028, for multi-session Infection Control Courses that offer continuous education units, an IPU may be awarded for each educational session of 1 hour or more, to a **maximum of 30 IPU for the course.**
- The CBIC Board *recommends* candidates earn at least two IPU from DEI and Health Equity within healthcare as a part of the minimum required 40 IPU. DEI and Health Equity should be self-evident in the title or learning objectives.

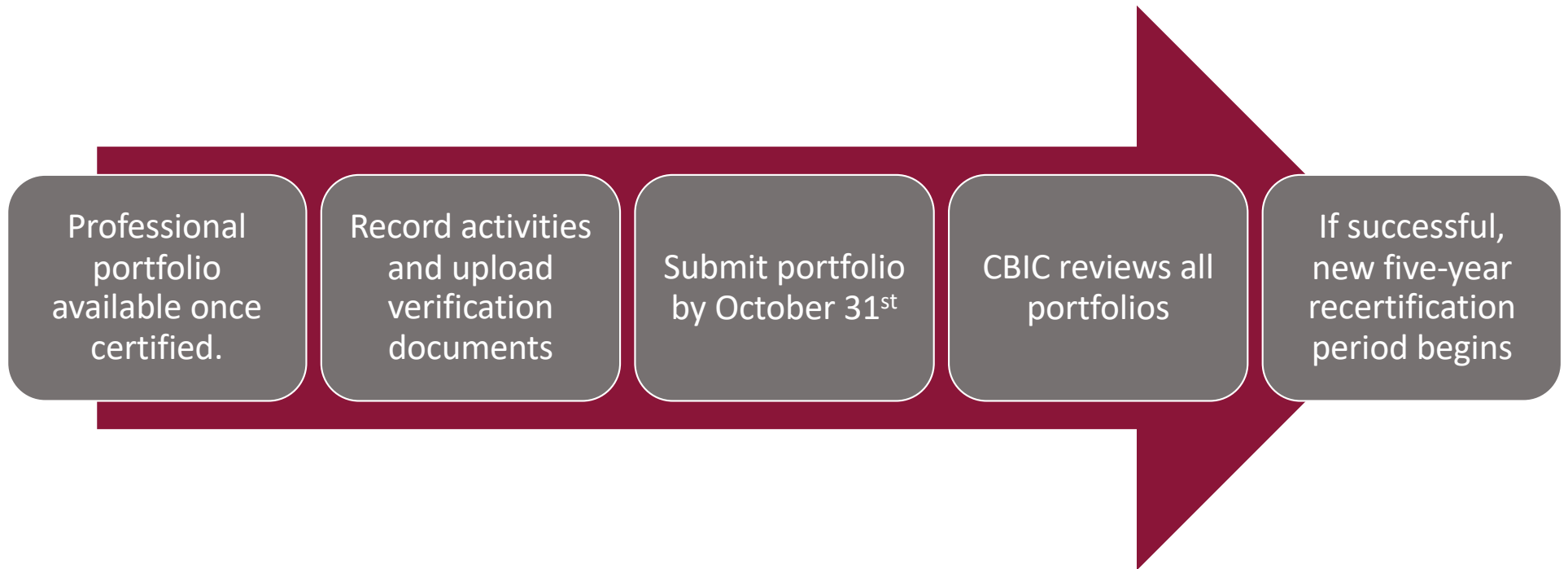
# IPU Portfolio

## My IPUs



▲ Category	Date Completed	IPUs Earned	Title	Domain	Status
Academic education	4/1/2022	10.00	MPH	Management and Communication, Preventing/Controlling the Transmission of Infectious Agents, Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation	
Education module (online, paper or live format)	2/1/2022	1.00	Infection Prevention and Control Essentials for Ambulatory Care	Preventing/Controlling the Transmission of Infectious Agents	
Education module (online, paper or live format)	2/1/2022	4.00	sample	Cleaning; Sterilization; Disinfection; Asepsis	
National conference	4/1/2022	10.00	APIC Illinois	Cleaning; Sterilization; Disinfection; Asepsis, Education and Research, Employee/Occupational Health, Environment of Care, Identification of Infectious Disease Processes, Management and	

# Recertification by IPU's Timeline





## Recertification by Infection Prevention Units (IPUs)

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- \$410 fee required with portfolio submission.
- Once submitted, average review time is three weeks.
- Two resubmissions are permitted.



# Helpful Hints



Submit your IPU's as you earn them!



Reach out to staff with questions



Don't wait until October 31 to submit your credits



Once your credits have been approved, you will receive a new 5-year certification and can begin submitting IPU's for your next portfolio, due in five years.

# IPU Categories

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Online, paper, or live format education

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Local, national or international conferences and workshops

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Academic education

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Publications

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Presentation

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Participation in professional organization

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Teaching

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Research

# CIC<sup>®</sup> Domains (6/8 required)

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Identification of Infectious Disease Processes

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Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation

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Preventing/Controlling the Transmission of Infectious Agents

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Employee/Occupational Health

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Management and Communication

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Education and Research

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Environment of Care

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Cleaning, Sterilization, Disinfection, Asepsis

# LTC-CIP Domains (7/9 Required, 5 credits must come from Long-Term Care Settings)

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Long-Term Care Settings\*

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Management and Communication of the Infection Prevention Program

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Identification of Infectious Diseases

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Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation

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Prevention and Control of Infectious and Communicable Diseases

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Environment of Care

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Cleaning, Disinfection, Sterilization of Medical Devices and Equipment

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Antimicrobial Stewardship

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Employee/Occupational Health

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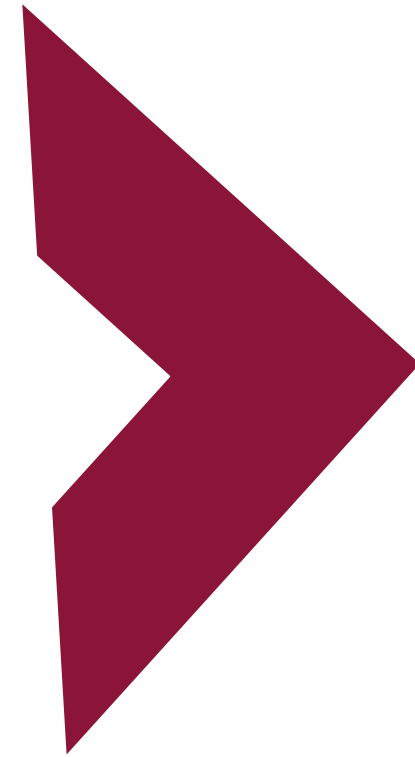
Certified as a CIC<sup>®</sup> and LTC-CIP? Credits can be used in both portfolios if the IPUs are earned within your 5-year certification cycle.



# IPUs and Chapter Activities

Does my Chapter activity count towards IPUs?

- Subject matter related to infection prevention and control and falls within at least one of the eight exam domains
- Able to verify chapter member attendance or participation by providing required documentation



**YES!**

# Examples of IPU Activities\*

- Attendance at national conferences (APIC/IPAC Canada)
- Online, paper or live format education
  - Webinars
  - Online educational modules
- Participation in a professional organization
  - Elected position on an IPAC Chapter Board (Treasurer, Secretary, President, President-Elect)

\*All activities must be provided by or presented through a credible accredited organization

# Potential Accredited Providers



...and many more!





# Example Verification Form

Official  
organization  
letterhead



The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and  
Epidemiology, Inc. (APIC) certifies that

**Carly Storch**

has been awarded 15.47 CNE/contact hours and 12.00 additional IPU credits  
for participating in the educational event:

10 IPU credits have been awarded for attending the live event.  
APIC's 2021 Virtual Annual Conference  
June 28-30, 2021

Date Completed: Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Accreditation  
Information



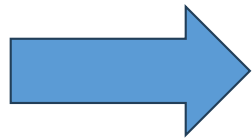
This educational program has been approved for attendees to earn up to  
90 CNE/contact hours and 10 IPU credits. Attendees will earn up to 30 additional  
IPU credits for the eligible on-demand sessions..





# Earning IPU's through Webber Teleclass Education

Complete  
required fields:



Please complete the form below to order a certificate.

Email Address \*

Enter your Name EXACTLY as you want it to appear on the certificate.

Name: \*

Select the Teleclass? \*

Indicate the name of the presenter of this teleclass

Presenter:

Administration charge for this certificate: \$0.00

How did you participate in this teleclass? \*

- Live
- On-line Recording

How well did the teleclass meet its objectives? \*

- 1 (Poor)
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 (Excellent)

Appropriateness of the topic \*

Upload certificate  
to IPU portfolio



Witness that

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Has participated in a 60 minute teleclass lecture titled

Scientific Communications to the Public During a Pandemic and Beyond

And is granted this certificate on

June 7, 2023

  
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Details of this teleclass and evidence of participation therein are available by request at [certificate@webbertraining.com](mailto:certificate@webbertraining.com)

# CEU – IPU Conversion Chart

## For Per Hour IPU Activities

	Duration of participation/ instruction	CEUs	CMEs	CNEs	IPUs
<b>Activity:</b> -Online, paper, or live format education -Attendance at national conference IP-related sessions -Teaching	60 minutes of instruction or 1 “contact hour”	.1	1	1	1

# IPUs Resources

- ◆◆ IPU's FAQ page: <https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/Certification-FAQs/Recertification.htm#RecertificationIPU>
- ◆◆ IPU's downloadable Criteria Chart: <https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/2023-Files/2021-IPUs-Criteria-Chart--V7.pdf>
- ◆◆ IPU's Portfolio Manual: [https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/PDFs/2023-Recertification-by-Continuing-Education-for-CBIC-Examinations\\_.pdf](https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/PDFs/2023-Recertification-by-Continuing-Education-for-CBIC-Examinations_.pdf)
- ◆◆ Sample IPU Portfolio: <https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/IPU-Portfolio-Guide---final.pdf>

# CBIC Resources

- Exam Prep Materials: <https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/Exam-Prep-Resources.htm>
- CBIC Webinars: <https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/News-and-Media.htm>
- Study Groups: Check with local APIC/IPAC Canada Chapters

Questions?





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*(FREE Teleclass)*

July 27, 2023

**LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES: PREVENTING FUTURE OUTBREAKS IN YOUR SUSCEPTIBLE HOST POPULATION**

Speaker: **Jim Gauthier**, Queens University

**THE EMERGENCE OF ZONOSSES: DOWNSTREAM IMPACTS ON HUMAN HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE**

August 10, 2023

Speaker: **Prof. Jason Stull**, The Ohio State University

*(FREE South Pacific Teleclass)*

August 16, 2023

**UNDERSTANDING THE "IMMUNITY DEBT" TO COMMON INFECTIONS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Speaker: **Prof. Matthias Maiwald**, National University of Singapore

**COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF STRATEGIES TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF CPE IN HOSPITALS**

August 24, 2023

Speaker: **Dr. Jean-Ralph Zahar**, French-Muslim Hospital, Bobigny, France

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