Competency Advancement Assistance Program

Please review this information before submitting an online application.

What is the purpose of the program?

Institutional support for certification has been reduced or, in some cases, eliminated. To help infection preventionists better manage the costs associated with obtaining the CIC® credential, APIC has introduced the Competency Advancement Assistance Program (CAA) to support this critical component of professional development for those who may not be able to afford it.

How is the program supported?

The program is funded entirely by APIC’s Strategic Partners. Thanks to this generous support, APIC will be able to continue to offer the Competency Advancement Assistance Program annually.

How is the program coordinated?

The CAA program has been developed by APIC’s Professional Development Council. Administrative support is provided by the Professional Practice department at the APIC office in Washington, DC.

What is included?

Assistance is provided in two categories for either initial certification or recertification:

A. Exam Preparation: Applicants have the opportunity to select designated APIC educational resources to help prepare for the examination. You make pick any or all of the listed resources that you think will best help you prepare. You will specify your choice on the application form.

B. Exam Fee Reimbursement: APIC will reimburse testing fees to program participants who pass the CIC® examination. To receive reimbursement, you must submit a copy of your score report or official certificate within 90 days of completing the exam. Both the computer based examination and the SARE testing methods are eligible for reimbursement.

Who is eligible to apply?

1. Individuals who have been members of APIC for at least one full year by October, 2012, may apply. Members who do not meet this criterion can plan to apply in 2013.
2. APIC members who have no other financial support for certification/recertification are encouraged to apply.

3. APIC members pursuing either initial certification or recertification may apply for assistance.

4. CAA program applicants must be prepared to take the CIC® examination by April, 30, 2013. Applicants who take the exam after this date will be ineligible for reimbursement through the 2013 CAA program.

5. Individuals must meet the eligibility criteria for testing described by CBIC and follow the online application process. See the CBIC Candidate Handbook for application information.

How do I apply?

Apply online by October 31, 2012. Please be sure to complete all sections of the form. Letters of support, resumes, or additional information are not required.

If selected, when will I be notified?

Recipients will be notified by December 1, 2012.

Whom should I contact for other questions?

Please contact Christina James at cjames@apic.org.