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#### INTRODUCTION

Since 2015, The Beryl Institute Credentialing Center, formerly known as Patient Experience Institute (PXI), has been committed to the improvement of patient experience through professional certification and continuing education and has been a cornerstone in the development of the field of patient experience.

The Credentialing Center offers two exam-based professional designations, the Certified Patient Experience Professional (CPXP) and the Certified Administrator of Volunteer Services (CAVS). It also approves and provides Patient Experience Continuing Education Credits (PXEs) to support the professional development efforts for organizations committed to transforming the human experience in healthcare.

The Certified Patient Experience Professional (CPXP) is a person who influences the systems, processes, and behaviors that cultivate positive experiences across the continuum of care.

The Certification is an international designation intended for people dedicated to championing excellence in healthcare experience. It demonstrates a clear focus on maintaining essential skills and knowledge and an unwavering commitment to the field of patient experience and to transforming the human experience in healthcare. Applicants should have a minimum 3 years of professional experience in a patient experience related role or experience in engaging in patient experience efforts.

A CPXP demonstrates clear qualifications to senior leaders, colleagues and the industry. In addition, achievement of certification highlights a commitment to the profession and to maintaining current skills and knowledge in supporting and expanding the field of patient experience.

The purpose of the CPXP examination is to assess whether a candidate has the knowledge necessary for competent practice as a certified patient experience professional, as defined by The Credentialing Center.

The CPXP designation is achieved by completing and passing the CPXP examination.

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

To qualify to sit for the CPXP examination, applicants must meet a defined set of eligibility criteria including:

- Minimum 3 years of professional experience in a patient experience related role or experience in engaging in patient experience efforts from various perspectives, be they a healthcare professional, consultant or patient and family member committed to experience excellence.
- ▶ If less than 3 years of professional experience: Completion of 30 Patient Experience Continuing Education Credits (PXEs) prior to submitting application for certification, which could include up to 10 hours of relevant CEs such as related CNE or CME approved courses

Upon review of the application, candidates will be notified directly from The Credentialing Center, whether it was accepted or if it did not meet requirements. This communication will precede any ability to schedule the CPXP Exam

#### **EXAMINATION DATES AND APPLICATION DEADLINES**

The Credentialing Center has partnered with Meazure Learning, one of the nation's leading certification testing companies, to offer the exam in both a brick and mortar testing center location or through an online proctored option. This allows the exam to be offered worldwide in the form that the candidate is most comfortable

Applications must be received on the dates below to be eligible for the corresponding testing windows. No applications will be accepted after the start of the scheduling window.

Testing Window	Application Deadline	Fee
April 1-30	February 21	\$475.00
October 1-31	August 21	

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

To qualify to sit for the CPXP examination, individuals must complete a comprehensive application process. Applications are reviewed to ensure candidates meet all requirements necessary to quality for the exam. The application review process takes approximately 30 days until formal notification. Completing the application does not guarantee individuals will be approved to sit for the CPXP exam. Sitting for the CPXP exam also does not guarantee an individual will achieve certification.

The Credentialing Center does not discriminate among applicants on the basis of age, gender, race, religion, national origin, disability, marital status, or sexual orientation.

#### PREPARATION AND REVIEW

Review the candidate handbook prior to completing the application. Follow the instructions given, and address any questions to credentialing@theberylinstitute.org Failure to follow the instructions can lead to the denial of an application.

Review the eligibility requirements. It is important not to submit an application before all eligibility requirements are satisfied. You can see the full overview of exam preparation on the The Credentialing Center site.

Completing an application does not guarantee you will be approved to take the examination.

#### **REGISTRATION PROCESS**



Register using the online application process offered through the The Credentialing Center website. It is recommended you submit the application as early as possible to allow for the review process.



Complete all sections of the application including eligibility requirements, acknowledgment of policy's and procedures, submission of resume or CV and optional demographic information.



Review and finalize the application and submit payment as directed. Applicants whose organizations will be paying their exam fees will have the option to choose a 'Bill me' payment option. An invoice will be created that can be submitted for payment. Applicants will not be submitted for scheduling until exam fees are paid in full.

<u>Please Note</u>: The Credentialing Center will send an email notification to eligible candidates after a complete application review, typically in 30 days from application submission. **Please be aware that some e-mail programs have spam filters that may intercept e-mail from an unknown address.** In order to receive important emails regarding the status of your application please ensure that your email program will accept emails from The Credentialing Center

Policy Notes (see Appendix C for full policies and procedures)

There is a nonrefundable processing fee of \$100.00 applied towards any incomplete application or if the specified requirements to sit for the exam are not met.

#### **TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS**

Reasonable Accommodations: Reasonable accommodations provide disabled candidates with a fair and equal opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skill in the essential functions being measured by the examination. Reasonable accommodations are decided upon based on the individual's specific request, disability, documentation submitted, and the appropriateness of the request. The most frequent requests involve providing the candidate with extended time, a reader, a writer, and/or a separate room. Reasonable accommodations do not include steps that fundamentally alter the purpose or nature of the examination. No additional cost or burden is placed on the candidate to discourage access to the examination.

**Qualified Individual with a Disability:** A disabled candidate is one who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits that person in one or more major life activities (e.g., walking, talking, hearing, performing manual tasks); has a record of such physical or mental impairment, or is regarded as having such a physical or mental impairment. A "qualified individual with a disability" is one who has a disability and satisfies the requisite skill, experience, education and other requirements of the service, program, or activity of which he or she is being measured; and, with or without accommodations, can perform the essential functions of the service, program, or activity. An essential function is one that individuals are required to perform, and removing that function would fundamentally change the service, program, or activity. A person must be a "qualified individual with a disability" to be protected under the ADA.

**Proper Documentation:** Candidates with disabilities must submit documentation provided by an appropriate licensed professional or certified specialist who diagnosed the disability and is recommending reasonable accommodations. The documentation must be on the professional's letterhead. It must provide a diagnosis of the disability and the tests used to determine the disability. The candidate may also provide evidence of receiving reasonable accommodations during school on the school's letterhead. This may include an individualized education plan (IEP). The confidentiality of all documentation submitted by the disabled candidate is protected.

#### **EXAMINATION SCHEDULING**

#### NOTICE TO SCHEDULE THE EXAMINATION

Meazure Learning will notify applicant of their ability to schedule the exam via a direct email approximately 3-4 weeks prior to the beginning of the testing window. The notice will provide a unique username, password and the URL address to access Meazure Learning's on-line test scheduling system to select a testing session, based on seating availability within Meazure Learning's network of US and international test sites. Candidates will select from a listing of available testing centers by geographical location and test date. Meazure Learning offers over 1,300 test center locations in over 700 cities in 115 countries. See the full list of testing locations.

Most test sites will have morning and afternoon testing sessions available. Meazure Learning will do its best to accommodate the requested test site and date. Seats are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, based on test center availability.

It is strongly recommended that applicants schedule their test session within two weeks of receiving notification from Meazure Learning to have the best opportunity to secure the test site and date of preference. Late applicants should apply as soon as possible upon receipt of notification recognizing options within the testing windows may be limited.

#### **CONFIRMATION NOTICE**

Upon completion of scheduling the examination, the candidate will receive an email confirmation notice from Meazure Learning, which will include the test location, date, and reporting time as well as a list of items that you should and should not bring to the testing center.

Please note: The email confirmation notice must be printed by the candidate and taken to the test site on the scheduled test date.

In addition, the confirmation notice will provide information regarding a free online tutorial, which candidates may access to become completely familiar with the testing system's features and functions prior to the testing appointment.

#### RESCHEDULING

You may reschedule a testing session up to two (2) business days before your testing appointment through Meazure Learning's on-line scheduling system. A \$50 nonrefundable fee payable directly to Meazure Learning will apply.

If you do not appear for your testing appointment or reschedule your exam less than two (2) business days before your testing appointment, you will be considered a no-show candidate and your testing fee will be forfeited. If you wish to move to a future testing window, you must work directly with the team at The Credentialing Center for approval. A \$150 administrative fee will be required to be rescheduled to a future testing window. Anyone who is considered a 'no show' will be

If you choose to reschedule to a later testing window after receiving notification from Meazure Learning, but PRIOR to formally scheduling your test, you may request a change of testing window directly from The Credentialing Center. A \$50 administration fee will apply and will be required in order to be added to the future testing window.

#### **CANCELLATIONS**

Testing appointments can be canceled; however, candidates will not receive a refund for the canceled testing appointment. Candidates who are unable to test during their scheduled testing appointment should follow the rescheduling rules.

#### **EMERGENCY CANCELLATIONS - NO SHOW**

The Credentialing Center and Meazure Learning will consider certain exceptions if a candidate does not show up for a scheduled exam session or cancels inside the required notification window. Exceptions will be considered for the following types of personal emergencies, as long as proper documentation is provided within 10 days of the scheduled exam date. Failure to do so will lead to a forfeiture of application fees and the need to reapply for a future test window. They include:

- Medical emergency
- Death in the family
- Military call up
- Court appearance

#### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

If your examination site has closed or is delayed due to inclement weather or other emergency, you will receive an email notification. If there is inclement weather in your area, please check your email before traveling to the examination site and visit https://www.assessments.meazurelearning.com/site-closures-delays/ for information regarding site closures or delays.

#### **HOLIDAYS**

Testing windows may be impacted by holidays or closures specific to individual testing centers.

#### **EXAMINATION DAY**

#### **ARRIVING AT THE TEST CENTER**

Please plan to arrive at the testing center at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the testing session. Those who arrive late for testing sessions may not be permitted to test.

You must bring email confirmation received from Meazure Learning and photo identification with signature to the test site. Acceptable forms of identification include driver's licenses, passports, and government-issued identification cards. Unacceptable forms of identification include gym memberships, warehouse memberships, school identification cards, credit cards, and identification with signature only (no photo).

You will be given three (3) hours to complete the 150-question examination.

#### **EXAMINATION RULES**

The following industry standard testing rules will apply.

#### **Prohibited Items**

Candidates are expressly prohibited from bringing the following items to the test site:

- Cameras, cell phones, optical readers, or other electronic devices that include the ability to photograph, photocopy, or otherwise copy test materials
- Notes, books, dictionaries, or language dictionaries
- Book bags or luggage
- iPods, mp3 players, headphones, or pagers
- Calculators, computers, PDAs, or other electronic devices with one or more memories
- Personal writing utensils (i.e., pencils, pens, and highlighters)
- \X/atches
- Food and beverage
- Hats, hoods, or other headgear

If Meazure Learning testing personnel determine that you have brought any such items to the test site; they may be demanded and held for an indefinite period of time by testing personnel. Meazure Learning reserves the right to review the memory of any electronic device that may be in your possession at the testing center to determine whether any test materials have been photographed or otherwise copied.

By bringing any such device into the test site in contravention of the policies, you expressly waive any confidentiality or other similar rights with respect to your device, Meazure Learning's review of the memory of your device and/or the deletion of any materials. Meazure Learning, the examination site, and the test administration staff are not liable for lost or damaged items brought to the examination site.

#### **RETAKING THE EXAMINATION**

Candidates failing to pass the CPXP examination may retake the examination up to 12 months from their originally scheduled exam date (i.e., next two testing windows). Interested candidates must notify The Credentialing Center of their interest by completing a re-examination application form via the CPXP application portal. In order to schedule a retake of the examination, this form must be completed along with a re-examination fee of \$325.00.

#### **AFTER THE EXAMINATION**

#### **EXAMINATION SCORING**

The CPXP is an objectively scored multiple-choice examination consisting of 150 items. Each multiple-choice question has four response options with one pre-determined correct answer. Each item counts equally as one point. No partial credit is given. There is no penalty for incorrect answers. Of the 150 items on the examination, 135 items will be scored. Only the 135 scored items contribute to the final score that determines if the candidate has met the passing criteria. The additional items are included on the examination in order to determine their statistical appropriateness to be included on a future test form. All items were written, reviewed, and validated by experts in patient experience.

#### **NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS**

Upon completion of the examination, candidates will receive a simple completion message.

Score reports will be then be issued as a cohort via email following final analysis and verification within four weeks of the close of the testing window. These score reports will contain a pass/fail score as well as a domain % breakdown for each of the 4 domains. This domain breakdown is not a reflection of the candidates overall knowledge in these domains but solely a snapshot of how they performed in the domains on the exam.

#### **DESIGNATION AND CERTIFICATE**

Passing the certification exam results in the individual being recognized as a Certified Patient Experience Professional (CPXP)

#### **Certification Renewal**

CPXP Certification is valid for three years from the most recent date of passing the exam.

- April CPXPs must renew by April 30th, three years from the examination window.
- October CPXPs must renew by October 30th, three years from examination window.

To re-certify as a CPXP, professionals must complete 30 PXEs, which could include up to 10 hours of relevant CEs such as related CNE or CME approved courses, in a three-year period from most recent date of certification. If less than 30 PXEs are completed, reexamination will be required.

Qualifying activities and guidelines for PXEs can be found on the PXE Qualifying Activities page on The Credentialing Center site.

In addition, professionals must complete the recertification application and submit recertification fee of \$275.00. A late fee will be applied to renewal application starting 30 days after renewal date.

- A \$50.00 late fee will be applied in addition to the renewal application fee if expiration date is 30 days to 6 months after recertification renewal date.
- A \$100.00 late fee will be applied in addition to the renewal application fee if expiration date is 6 to 12 months after recertification renewal date.

After 1 year of expiration, a full application must be submitted and successful completion of the CPXP Certification Exam is required for recertification. Current published fees will apply.

#### **CERTIFICATION DENIAL OR REVOCATION**

Under the rare circumstance, certification may be denied or revoked for the following reasons.

- Falsification of an application. Providing purposefully false information on an application.
- **Misrepresentation.** Attempting to have someone else take the examination or complete any part of the certification/recertification process as you.
- Violation of testing procedures. Non-compliance with the testing requirements as outlined above.

#### **EXAMINATION BACKGROUND**

#### **DEVELOPMENT**

The development of the Certified Patient Experience Professional examination has been a community driven process. The effort has been informed by the work started in 2012 to frame the Patient Experience Body of Knowledge by our sister organization, The Beryl Institute.

Certification development has followed a rigorous and standardized process, engaging the voices of over a thousand members of the patient experience community around the world, involving input from subject matter experts, and validated and maintained by psychometric testing and continuous review and evaluation. The process adheres to the *Standards for Education and Psychological Testing* (AERA, APA, & NCME, 2014) and *Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs* (NCCA, 2014).

#### **FORMAT**

The CPXP examination is administered online in a one-month test window. The CPXP examination will not be administered outside the test window.

#### CONTENT

The examination content is based upon test blueprints that were derived from a job analysis. This job analysis determined the major responsibility areas, called domains, and job tasks required for performance as a Patient Experience Professional. These domains and job tasks were first developed by a panel of healthcare professionals who represented a variety of practice settings and experience levels in addressing the patient, resident, and family experience across the continuum of care. The job tasks were validated through an extensive international survey of individuals in the field. The classification system will reviewed and updated as needed.

As CPXP is an international designation and the CPXP Examination is designed with a global perspective, please note the exam will include a minimal number of questions pertaining to policies relevant to patient experience in the United States that have a significant impact on healthcare and are influencing decisions in global policy efforts.

The full Classification system can be found in Appendix B.

#### PATIENT EXPERIENCE PROFESSIONAL DOMAINS AND JOB TASKS

#### **Domain 1: Partnership and Advocacy**

- **Task 1.** Engage the voices of patients and care partners through formal and informal means to ensure they are heard and respected.
- **Task 2.** Partner with patients, care partners, staff, and community members to drive continuous improvements.
- **Task 3.** Engage a diverse range of voices across the continuum of care to foster a culture of inclusion and understanding, reduce healthcare disparities, and improve health outcomes.
- **Task 4.** Advocate for patients' rights, responsibilities, and personal values to ensure workforce understanding, foster effective communication and establish trusting relationships.

#### **Domain 2. Measurement and Analysis**

- **Task 1.** Gather data from patients and care partners on their experience through various collection methods
- **Task 2.** Analyze, interpret, and integrate data related to patient and care partner experience to identify trends, strengths, and opportunities for improvement.
- **Task 3.** Communicate and transparently share data and other feedback to inspire and inform action that improves patient and care partner experience.

#### **Domain 3. Design and Innovation**

- **Task 1.** Drive innovation and change to influence the design of processes and systems that add value to the patient and care partner experience.
- Task 2. Champion the inclusion of all voices in the co-design process.

#### Domain 4. Organizational Culture and Leadership

- Task 1. Translate experience strategy into clear, understandable, and measurable action.
- **Task 2.** Promote workforce experience to encourage and support an organization culture of caring and connection to purpose.

Classification System revised June 2022

#### **EXAMINATION PREPARATION**

Preparing for the CPXP Examination is important and recommended. The examination measures the knowledge necessary for competent practice as a certified patient experience professional, as defined by The Credentialing Center. While no exam preparation process can guarantee an individual will pass the certification exam, certain pathways are available for preparation. The following suggestions are provided and may be helpful in preparing as you consider your own preparation strategy. In addition, an overview of suggested preparation methods can be reviewed on the website under CPXP overview.

- 1. A complete review the Full Classification System that can be found in the appendix
- 2. A full understanding of the scope of knowledge encompassed by the Patient Experience Body of Knowledge
- 3. An understanding of the testing environment. Meazure Learning offers a free online tutorial and demo test to familiarize candidates with the computer-based testing environment. The online demonstration and tutorial are accessible at any time through any computer with Internet access. Candidates may access the tutorial and demo on Meazure Learning's Web site at https://www.assessments.meazurelearning.com/preparing-for-your-test/.
- 4. The demo is not intended to be a review of the examination content

#### **APPENDIX A: PRIVACY STATEMENT**

#### **INFORMATION COLLECTION, USE, AND SHARING**

The information collected during the CPXP registration process is used to assist in the following:

- ▶ Determining eligibility to take the CPXP Certification examination
- Determining completion of continuing education
- Administering disciplinary proceedings
- ► Helping us to design, or improve, the certification process so we can provide you with quality programs and services
- Assisting us in the research and development of programs and standards of practice as a patient experience professional.

We are the sole owners of the information collected on this site. We only have access to/collect information that you voluntarily provide us. We will not sell or rent this information to anyone and we will not share your information with any third party outside of our organization, other than as necessary to fulfill your request, e.g. scheduling of CPXP examination.

Unless you ask us not to, we may contact you via email in the future to tell you about new products or services, or changes to this and other policies.

#### MAINTENANCE OF ACCURATE INFORMATION

We ensure that private information is as accurate and complete as possible. Please let us know immediately if you believe our records are inaccurate or if anything changes, such as your name, address, email, etc

#### **LIMITATIONS ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

Access to personal information is limited to those with a reason to know such information for The Credentialing Center administrative purposes or to assist you in some way, such as in answering your questions.

## APPENDIX B: CERTIFIED PATIENT EXPERIENCE PROFESSIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (Revised June 2022)

#### DOMAIN I: PARTNERSHIP AND ADVOCACY

### TASK 1: Engage the voices of patients and care partners through formal and informal means to ensure they are heard and respected.

#### Knowledge of:

- **a.** Patient, family and care partner engagement practices and strategies
- **b.** Patient rights and responsibilities
- c. Patient- and family/person-centered care

#### Skill in:

- a. Communicating effectively
- **b.** Anticipating needs and goals
- **c.** Demonstrating compassion and understanding
- **d.** Collaboration

### Task 2: Partner with patients, care partners, staff, and community members to drive continuous improvements.

#### Knowledge of:

- **a.** Patient, family and care partner engagement practices and strategies
- **b.** Improvement methodologies
- c. Patient and family/person-centered care

#### Skill in:

- a. Communicating effectively
- **b.** Anticipating needs and goals
- c. Collaboration
- **d.** Identifying gaps in performance against the standards

# Task 3: Engage a diverse range of voices across the continuum of care to foster a culture of inclusion and understanding, reduce healthcare disparities, and improve health outcomes.

#### Knowledge of:

- a. Cultural competence, sensitivity and intelligence
- b. Health equity
- c. Population health

#### Skill in:

- a. Communicating effectively
- b. Demonstrating compassion and understanding
- c. Collaboration
- d. Addressing implicit and explicit bias

# Task 4: Advocate for patients' rights, responsibilities, and personal values to ensure workforce understanding, foster effective communication and establish trusting relationships.

#### Knowledge of:

- a. Patient rights and responsibilities
- **b.** Service recovery principals and models
- **c.** Cultural competence, sensitivity, and intelligence

#### Skill in:

- a. Communicating effectively
- **b.** Demonstrating compassion and understanding
- c. Influencing others to act
- d. Collaboration
- Identifying gaps in performance against the standards

#### DOMAIN II: MEASUREMENT AND ANALYSIS

### Task 1: Gather data on patient, resident, and family experience through various collection methods.

#### Knowledge of:

- a. Measurement methodology and feedback/data collection processes
- **b.** Benefits and limitations of data collection methods

#### Skill in:

- a. Selecting appropriate feedback method(s) aligned with goal(s)
- **b.** Collaborating with appropriate partners in gathering data

## Task 2: Analyze, interpret, and integrate data related to patient and care partner experience to identify trends, strengths, and opportunities for improvement.

#### Knowledge of:

- a. Qualitative and quantitative feedback
- b. Descriptive statistics
- c. Data analysis and reporting methods and formats

#### Skill in:

- a. Identifying data trends, themes, strengths, and opportunities
- Applying descriptive statistics to analyze data
- c. Integrating qualitative and quantitative feedback
- d. Conducting customized analysis

# Task 3: Communicate data and transparently share data and other feedback to inspire and inform action that improves patient and care partner experience.

#### Knowledge of:

- a. Data analysis and reporting methods and formats
- Communication strategies, processes, and formats
- c. Organizational vision, mission, values and strategy to connect data and feedback to the shared purpose.

#### Skill in:

- **a.** Interpreting, explaining, and presenting analysis findings
- Using data and feedback to create, collaborate, or facilitate the creation of action plans
   Customizing and adapting communication to
- c. diverse audiences

#### DOMAIN III: DESIGN AND INNOVATION

## Task 1: Drive innovation and change to influence the design of processes and systems that add value to the patient and care partner experience.

#### Knowledge of:

- a. Change leadership/management principles
- b. Experience design and mapping
- c. Process improvement methods
- d. Healthcare management and operations
- e. Organizational culture

#### Skill in:

- a. Culture change
- b. Thinking critically
- c. Communicating effectively
- d. Understanding and overcoming resistance
- e. Utilizing tact and diplomacy
- f. Building consensus

#### Task 2: Champion the inclusion of all voices in the co-design process.

#### Knowledge of:

- a. Experience design and mapping
- b. Collaborative practices supporting co-design process
- c. Organizational culture

#### Skill in:

- Convening diverse partners and crossfunctional teams
- b. Communicating effectively
- c. Inclusivity
- d. Understanding and overcoming resistance
- e. Building consensus
- f. Facilitation

#### DOMAIN IV: ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE AND LEADERSHIP

### Task 1: Translate experience strategy into clear, understandable, and measurable action.

#### Knowledge of:

- a. Organizational goals, strategy, and objectives
- Current organizational state (history, culture, operations, data, process, and organization structure)
- c. Existing and potential tools, methods, and framework for project management, change management, and process improvement.

#### Skill in:

- **a.** Applying analytical and critical thinking to a broad range of situations
- b. Leading and facilitating groups and teams
- c. Communicating effectively
- d. Articulating a compelling business case for improving the patient and care partner experience

# Task 2: Promote workforce experience to encourage and support an organizational culture of caring and connection to purpose.

#### Knowledge of:

- a. Organizational goals, strategy, and objectives
- **b.** Current organizational state (history, culture, operations, data, process, and organization structure)
- c. Existing and potential tools for rewards, recognition, and employee engagement.
- d. Evidence of how patient experience impacts outcomes
- e. Principles and methods of coaching

#### Skill in:

- a. Communicating effectively
- b. Building effective relationships
- c. Using influence to establish credibility and effect positive change
- d. Culture change
- e. Mobilizing commitment and building excitement

#### APPENDIX C: CPXP POLICIES AND PROCEDURE AGREEMENT

To be considered for certification and to complete the application process you must agree to the following policies and procedures.

- ▶ I have read the CPXP Handbook.
- ▶ I certify that I comply with all the eligibility requirements.
- ▶ I certify/declare that the information provided and the enclosed documents are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- ▶ I understand if the information I have provided to The Credentialing Center is incomplete and not accurate (or misrepresentation/or incorrect) my application may be rejected and disciplinary action(s) including suspension, rejection, or revocation of my eligibility application.
- ▶ I understand there is a nonrefundable processing fee of \$100.00 applied towards any incomplete application or if I do not meet the specified requirements.
- ▶ I understand that I am responsible to notify The Credentialing Center of any changes in my personal information including email address to receive official notification regarding the status of passing the CPXP examination. The Credentialing Center shall not be responsible for non-receipt of notices due to my failure to notify of current email address.
- ▶ I have verified that the name and address information listed on my application matches the name and address information listed on my identification. I understand that if there are any changes that will need to be made to this information, after submitting my application, there may be a \$50 fee for processing this change.
- ▶ I understand I am allowed to change exam windows ONE time after my application has been submitted, with a fee.
- ▶ I understand that once my application is accepted, there will be a \$50 fee to change my exam window.
- ▶ I understand that once my exam date is scheduled, if I do not sit for the exam, or do not cancel within 2 business days of my scheduled date, there will be \$150 fee to change exam windows.
- I understand that if my CPXP Packet is undeliverable due to an incorrect address, there will be a \$10 processing fee to have it reshipped.
- ▶ l'understand that my approval is good for 1 year from the date my application was submitted. If I fail to sit for the exam, I understand that I will forfeit all application fees as well as approval.
- ▶ I have reviewed and understand all the policies and procedures in the CPXP Handbook.
- ▶ I understand that I may be selected for audit at any time.

#### **CPXP POLICY LISTING**

You can review a full listing of the CPXP Policies & FAQs The Credentialing Center site.

#### LIVE ONLINE PROCTORING (LOP)

LOP allows candidates to complete the examination from their own computer via an internet connection at a time and place of their choosing during the testing window. The candidate's computer must have webcam capability and speakers, and the environment should be quiet to avoid distractions and to ensure that the on-line proctor can hear everything at the candidate's location. There also are technical requirements, such as an adequate internet connection, to ensure the proctor has access to the candidate's computer and the session can proceed without internet disruption. Candidates will be informed of the computer specifications in advance of the testing session.

#### **OVERVIEW OF LIVE ONLINE PROCTORING (LOP)**

#### **TEST SCHEDULING, SYSTEM CHECK and CONFIRMATION EMAIL**

Following receipt of candidate eligibility data, Meazure Learning will send a notice to schedule (NTS) email to candidates with instructions on accessing Meazure Learning's online test scheduling system as well as information regarding the computer specifications required for LOP testing. The NTS email will provide candidates with a username and password (generated by Meazure Learning), which will allow them to access Meazure Learning's online test scheduling system. Candidates who chose to test via LOP will be passed to the online Proctor U portal to schedule an LOP session. The candidate will schedule the testing session during a specific time period for live online proctoring. Candidates can schedule to take the examination at any time 24/7.

Scheduled candidates will be sent confirmation emails of their testing session from both Proctor U and Meazure Learning, which will include the test date and time, a URL link to the online-proctoring launch page, instructions associated with LOP testing, and information regarding Meazure Learning's online tutorial for candidates. Candidates will be able to perform a system check during the scheduling process, and Meazure Learning encourages candidates to perform the system check at this time. Candidates whose PC/laptops fail the system check will receive feedback on the hardware or software updates that are required to support the LOP testing session.

A candidate may cancel or reschedule the LOP testing session up to 24 hours prior to the scheduled testing appointment. The candidate must cancel or reschedule the testing session by accessing the Proctor U online system. A candidate who does not show up for the testing appointment and/or does not test within his/her selected test window will be considered a no-show, and current fees will be charged to move to the next testing window.

#### **LIVE ONLINE PROCTORS**

Meazure Learning provides highly qualified individuals who have considerable experience in LOP test administration. Proctors receive extensive, world-class training on all aspects of live online proctored test administration cycle, from customer service, to detecting aberrant behavior, to the operation of the PASS system. Proctors are instructed on procedures for candidate admission, security, time allocation, and other aspects of the administration of each certification examination. Throughout the testing process, proctors maintain tight security of the examination through constant observation.

#### **TESTING PROCEDURES**

Upon the candidate's initiation of the testing session, the proctor will connect with the candidate, verify the system requirements, and begin proctoring the examination within 10 minutes. The candidate will initiate the testing session using the link provided in his/her confirmation email, which will direct the candidate to Meazure Learning's live online proctoring launch site. The candidate will access a system check and instructions for commencing the testing session. If a candidate's computer fails the system check, he/she will be required to correct/update the issue or obtain another computer to complete the testing session. All candidates are required to pass the system check prior to testing.

The proctor then verifies the identity of the candidate by examining (and capturing via video) the candidate's government issued ID. The candidate may communicate with the proctor via chat features available within the site. If directed by the proctor, or in case of technical difficulties, the candidate may contact the proctor by telephone. When the proctor has completed the necessary steps to ensure monitoring, the candidate will click a link to launch the examination.

Proctors closely monitor candidates during testing in order to detect and report any examination malfeasance or suspicious candidate behavior. The proctor will have complete access to the candidate's computer to monitor for unauthorized activities such as accessing other software applications, using multiple monitors, or having someone else taking the test remotely. The proctor will be able to see the candidate's desktop and everything he/she is doing to monitor for unauthorized activities. The candidate will also show the proctor a 360-degree view of his/her environment, including the desk, by holding and moving the webcam/laptop as directed by the proctor. The proctor will watch the candidate on a webcam and record the video and audio throughout the testing session, and the recording will be retained for 30 days.

Any unusual activity by a candidate is immediately addressed by a proctor. These situations include, but are not limited to, attempting to take screenshots of an examination item, attempting unauthorized movements in the testing environment, unprofessional conduct toward the proctor, talking to others during testing, and attempting to access unauthorized materials or equipment.

The proctor can terminate the testing session for integrity reasons at any time. Candidates who clearly violate testing procedures will be removed from the test, and their examinations will be terminated, deemed spoiled, and not scored. Information on these situations, including the candidate's name, identification number, examination form name, examination type, and test date, as well as a summary of the incident, will be communicated as soon as possible to The Credentialing Center.

#### SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS TO RUN LOP TEST ADMINISTRATION

#### Hardware

- 2 GHz or faster 32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64) processor
- 2 GB RAM (32-bit) or 2 GB RAM (64-bit)
- 16 GB available disk space (32-bit) or 20 GB (64-bit) -- just for the OS, not applications or data files
- Audio output capability (if the examination being delivered includes audio components)
- Webcam and microphone
- Screen resolution:
  - o For best experience, use 1920 x 1080 or higher
  - o Minimum acceptable is 1024 x 768
- Optional: Printer (to print candidate score reports)

#### Software

- Minimum Windows 7 or Mac OS X v10.6
- Latest version of mainstream web browser: i.e., Microsoft Internet Explorer (version 11), Microsoft Edge (latest available versions), Mozilla Firefox (latest available versions), or Google Chrome (latest available versions)
  - NOTE: Internet Explorer 10 is no longer supported by Microsoft after January 31, 2020. Customers are advised to move to another supported browser to avoid any potential testing difficulties.

#### **Telecommunications**

- High-speed Internet connection (approximately 2 MB/s upload and download per candidate)
  - o Minimum: ISDN connection
  - o Preferred: T-1 connection (or greater)
- Browser must:
  - o accept cookies from Meazure Learning's site
  - o allow popup windows
  - o support JavaScript and have it enabled
- Browser must be able to load the following:
  - o jQuery, a javascript library (ajax.googleapis.com)
  - AJAX Content (ajax.aspnetcdn.com)
  - MathJax (cdn.mathjax.org)
  - o CDN (castlecdn.blob.core.windows.net)
- https://www.meazurelearning.com/ should be made a trusted site on all computers used for testing. A trusted site is a Web site that you trust not to damage your computer.

For additional questions on LOP option please contact The Credentialing Center directly at credentialing@theberylinstitute.org

