

A high-angle, black and white photograph of a massive concrete dam. The dam's surface is composed of large, rectangular panels with visible vertical joints. A narrow walkway with a metal railing runs along the top edge of the dam. A small figure of a person stands on this walkway, providing a sense of scale to the enormous structure. The sky is a uniform, dark grey.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CREDENTIALING

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Professional**



MTSP-C

MAJOR CREDENTIALING PHASES

- ▶ Qualification
- ▶ Application
- ▶ Examination eligibility
- ▶ Examination
- ▶ Certification

WHY SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION?



- ▶ EXAMINATIONS are not meant to test entry-level knowledge, but rather to TEST the experienced paramedics' SKILLS and KNOWLEDGE.
- ▶ The Certified Community Paramedic (CP-C) credential targets competency at the MASTERY LEVEL OF PARAMEDIC PRACTICE coupled with entry-level competency over the knowledge, skills and abilities contained within the Community Paramedic specialty.

CREDENTIALING

- ▶ The process of VALIDATING KNOWLEDGE and skills of a medical provider.
- ▶ CREDENTIALING is increasingly important because it is the one procedure that ALLOWS PATIENTS to confidently place their TRUST in their healthcare providers.
- ▶ Follows a STANDARDIZED PROCESS involving data collection, primary source verification and committee review.
- ▶ HOSPITALS, REGULATORS, PEERS and PATIENTS are assured of their healthcare professional's MERIT and EXPERIENCE.

PRACTICE GUIDELINES

- ▶ There is NOT a prescribed education program tied to any examination.
- ▶ Examinations measure a UNIQUE DOMAIN beyond entry-level certification or licensure.

DETAILED CONTENT OUTLINES

- ▶ Based on the results of these studies, changes to blueprints and what questions are written for the examinations are considered.
- ▶ This process insures that the exams reflect the ongoing changes that occur in practice.

UPDATING THE BLUEPRINT

- ▶ SURVEY practicing professionals regarding the COMPONENTS of their PRACTICE.
- ▶ CONTENT VALIDATION studies are conducted for each exam EVERY 3–5 YEARS.

LEGAL RISK

- ▶ The LEGAL RISK to the employer and the medical director INCREASES EXPONENTIALLY without validation of clinical competency.
- ▶ By insuring the test development processes and the test evaluation procedures are psychometrically sound and legally defensible insures that the examinations are a TRUE and ACCURATE measure of knowledge, skills and abilities.

THE IBSC MISSION

To improve the quality of the care delivered by paramedics and other healthcare professionals functioning in a specialty environment by measuring and validating their knowledge and skills. This is accomplished by providing a family of specialty certification exams that are an objective, fair, and honest validation of a unique domain of knowledge.

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