

## Fundamental Critical Care Support Course Criteria for Instructor/Director/Consultant Status

### **Instructor Criteria:**

The criteria necessary to be an *FCCS Instructor* candidate are as follows:

- All U.S. instructors must be members in good standing of SCCM;
- Outside the United States, instructors are not required to be members;
- Successful completion of an FCCS provider course, including skill stations, with 80% or greater post-test score;
- Successful completion of the instructor curriculum component;
- Submission of Instructor application **and proof of the following:**

### **Physician instructor candidate:**

Must have achieved critical care certification or proof of board eligibility of such, or 50% practice ratio in critical care\* supported by curriculum vitae and a support letter from director of ICU attached to the instructor application.

### **Nurse instructor candidate:**

1. requires a baccalaureate degree and critical care certification
- or**
2. requires graduate or higher degree **with** a 50% practice ratio in critical care\* supported by curriculum vitae and a support letter from director of ICU attached to the instructor application.

### **Physician Assistant instructor candidate:**

1. requires a baccalaureate or higher degree **with** a 50% practice ratio in critical care\* supported by curriculum vitae and a support letter from director of ICU attached to the instructor application.

*\*Critical care practice is considered either a didactic of education-based role focused on the critically ill or injured patient. The practice requirement ensures (as best as possible) that the instructor will be comfortable with the majority of lecture components and skill stations and can answer questions with credibility.*

The non-certified critical care practitioner must have a recommendation form signed by the Course Director, a letter detailing the extent and percentage of time spend in the area of critical care from their Critical Care Director and a current curriculum vitae in their application folder. After careful review by the immediate past chair and the current chair and vice-chair of the FCCS Program Committee, instructor candidate status may be awarded.

Critical care certified practitioners will be recognized as Instructors upon successful completion of the Instructor Course component.

### **Associate Instructor Criteria:**

If you do not meet the above criteria for traditional FCCS instructorship but have significant experience in critical care, a pharmacy or respiratory therapy degree, you may qualify for the *FCCS Associate Instructor* designation.

As of February 1, 2007, the criteria for Associate Instructors are as follows:

- Successful completion of an FCCS provider course;
- Successful completion of the instructor curriculum component;
- Submission of Associate Instructor application;
- Significant clinical activity in critical care.

**Director:**

The criteria to become an *FCCS Course Director* are as follows:

- An SCCM-approved FCCS Instructor in good standing;
- Teach in at least two approved FCCS courses in the two previous years;
- Serve as Course Director, with the mentorship of an FCCS Consultant, for at least one approved FCCS course; and
- Submission of a completed FCCS Director application and letter of recommendation from an FCCS Consultant to direct courses independently.

**Consultant Criteria:**

The criteria to become an *FCCS Consultant* are as follows:

- An SCCM-approved FCCS Director in good standing;
- Teach/Direct at least two approved FCCS courses in the two previous years;
- Willing to offer mentorship and guidance to first time Course Directors and Coordinators; and
- Submission of a completed FCCS Consultant application and letter of recommendation from a current FCCS Consultant.

**INSTRUCTOR/DIRECTOR/CONSULTANT RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Instructor:**

- Maintain current SCCM membership (U.S. instructors);
- Maintain certification, special/added qualifications or practice ratio in critical care; and
- Teach in at least one approved FCCS course every two years.

**Director:**

- Maintain SCCM membership (U.S. directors and international directors);
- Maintain certification, special/added qualifications or practice ratio in critical care;
- Apply to hold bourses in their area or hospital'
- Assure FCCS course(s) is consistent with goals, objectives and vision of SCCM; and
- Teach/direct at least one approved FCCS course every two years.

**Consultant:**

- Maintain current SCCM membership;
- Continue certification, special/added qualifications or practice ratio in critical care;
- Offer mentorship and guidance to first time Course Directors and Coordinators;
- Attend at least one day of a Director candidate's first course;
- Evaluate the process, venue, attitudes of course faculty; and
- Confer with Course Director and Course Coordinator after completion of the course to complete an evaluation for SCCM.