

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

### **Instructor Criteria**

The criteria necessary to be a *P-FCCS Instructor* candidate are as follows:

- All U.S. Instructors must be members in good standing of SCCM.
- Successful completion of a P-FCCS provider course, (80% or greater post-test score) including skill stations.
- Successful completion of either the onsite or the online instructor component.
- Submission of Instructor application **and proof of the following:**

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

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

#### **Nurse instructor candidate:**

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

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

This requirement will provide a method for special consideration of individuals that apply for instructor status.

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 spent in the area of critical care from the Critical Care Director of their program 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 P-FCCS steering committee, instructor candidate status may be awarded. If the instructor component was not part of the curriculum of the course attended, the candidate must achieve a 90% on the "Teaching the Adult Expert P-FCCS" available online.

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

### **Associate Instructor Criteria**

If you do not meet the above criteria for traditional P-FCCS instructorship but have significant experience in pediatric critical care, a pharmacy or respiratory therapy degree, you may qualify

for the *P-FCCS Associate Instructor* designation. As of February 2, 2009, the criteria for Instructors are as follows:

- Successful completion of a P-FCCS provider course and instructor component.
- Significant clinical activity in critical care.
- Review of the P-FCCS instructor curriculum.
- Recommendation for Associate Instructor status follows two P-FCCS teaching experiences under the supervision of a P-FCCS Director/Instructor. These experiences may occur in the same course or over one year's time, but must be complete within that year.

All P-FCCS Instructors and Associate Instructors must be members in good standing of SCCM. Instructor and Associate Instructor candidates must complete a P-FCCS provider course, the instructor component and in order to maintain instructor status, must teach in an instructor/provider course at least once every 2 years (*as of July 23, 2008*) or take a refresher course.

The SCCM office issues instructor certificates, maintains records on each instructor, and tracks faculty participation. P-FCCS Instructors should ideally represent 50% of the P-FCCS faculty. A required minimum of two P-FCCS Instructors must be present for each course. Minimum faculty requirements for a P-FCCS course can also be met with 1 P-FCCS Instructor (*the Course Director*) and 2 P-FCCS Associate Instructors.

### **Director Criteria**

The criteria necessary to be a *P-FCCS Director* candidate are as follows:

- P-FCCS Instructor status
- Evidence that the individual meets:
  - Administrative responsibilities:
    - Present and available during **entire** course
    - Introduces P-FCCS program and faculty
    - Selects appropriate Instructor staff
    - Maintains a schedule
    - Selects venue appropriate to P-FCCS course needs
    - Forwards P-FCCS materials to participants and faculty in timely manner
    - Provides participants with adequate meal time and convenient lodging
    - Completes P-FCCS administrative responsibilities
  - Course presentation responsibilities:
    - Evidences clear understanding of P-FCCS content (medical knowledge)
    - Gives adequate briefing to instructors
    - Introduces P-FCCS accurately and with enthusiasm
    - Explains evaluation process and administers that process
    - Supplies adequate and appropriate skill station materials

Upon evidence that the above criteria are met, the P-FCCS Consultant completes the letter of recommendation for P-FCCS Director status. Upon receipt of this designation, the P-FCCS Director may conduct licensed P-FCCS courses independent of Consultant support.

To maintain P-FCCS Director status, a Director must direct or teach in a P-FCCS course at least once every 2 years.

### **Consultant Criteria**

The criteria necessary to be a *P-FCCS Consultant* are as follows:

- P-FCCS Director status

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

Consultant responsibilities include:

- Maintain current SCCM membership
- Continue certification, special/added qualifications or practice ratio in critical care
- Attend at least one day of a Director candidate's first course
  - evaluate the process, venue, performance of course faculty
  - confer with Course Director and Course Coordinator after completion of the course to complete an evaluation for SCCM

To maintain P-FCCS Consultant status, a Consultant must consult, direct or teach in a P-FCCS course at least once every 2 years.