



Dear FCCS: Surgical Instructor Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in becoming an instructor in the Society of Critical Care Medicine's Fundamental Critical Care Support: Surgical (FCCS: Surgical) program. The FCCS Program Committee appreciates your commitment to improving patient care. The criteria for FCCS: Surgical instructor status requires that the applicant select one of the following pathways:

- Current FCCS instructors:
Successfully complete either a self-directed or hosted FCCS: Surgical course with $\geq 80\%$ posttest score
- Non-FCCS instructors:
Successfully complete an FCCS: Surgical course including skill stations with $\geq 80\%$ posttest score, and complete the instructor curriculum

In addition, applicants are required to:

- Submit the online instructor application
- Teach at least two components of an FCCS: Surgical course (presentation and/or skill station) within two years of instructor candidate application approval
- Meet one of these profession-specific criteria:

Physician:

- Proof of critical care certification or activity or board eligibility for certification **or**
- Proof of a minimum 50% critical care practice ratio from the ICU director*

Nurse:

- Baccalaureate degree with critical care certification **or**
- Graduate or higher degree with proof of a minimum 50% critical care practice ratio from the ICU director*

Advanced practice provider:

- Baccalaureate or higher degree with critical care certification **or**
- Proof of a minimum 50% critical care practice ratio from the ICU director*

Respiratory therapist:

- Baccalaureate or higher degree with proof of a minimum 50% critical care practice ratio from the ICU director*

Pharmacist:

- Baccalaureate or specialty in critical care **or**
- Proof of a minimum 50% critical care practice ratio from the ICU director*

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

Critical care-certified practitioners will be accredited as instructors after successful completion of all criteria listed in this document. Instructor applicants with less than 50% critical care practice ratio may require a review before Instructor status is granted.

Sincerely,

FCCS Program Committee

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**FCCS: Surgical Course Instructor Letter
Documenting Practice Ratio in Critical Care**

Dear ICU Director:

This candidate is applying to become an instructor for the SCCM course, Fundamental Critical Care Support (FCCS): Surgical. One of the requirements is to provide proof that this candidate has a minimum of 50% critical care practice ratio in an ICU setting.

Critical care practice is considered either a didactic or education-based role focused on the critically ill or injured patient. The practice requirement ensures (as much as possible) that the Instructor will be comfortable with most of the FCCS: Surgical lecture components and skill stations and will be able to answer questions with credibility.

I affirm that _____ works a minimum of 50% of his/her work hours in the care of critically ill patients in the ICU.

Documentation of proof of practice in the ICU is authorized by _____
(Signature of ICU director)

Date: _____

Thank you for confirming that this candidate has a minimum of 50% critical care practice ratio in an ICU setting. This information will assist SCCM in maintaining highly qualified instructors in the FCCS: Surgical program.

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