



Dear FCCS Instructor Applicant:

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

Pathway #1

- Successfully complete an FCCS hosted course (with $\geq 80\%$ posttest score)
- Complete the instructor curriculum

Pathway #2

- Successfully complete an online self-study FCCS course (with $\geq 80\%$ posttest score) and attend skill stations at a hosted course
- Complete the instructor curriculum

In addition, applicants are required to:

- Submit the online instructor application and, if needed, a letter of supporting critical care practice ratio
- Teach at least two components of an FCCS course within two years of submitting the instructor application
- Meet one of the bulleted criteria below:

Physician:

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

Nurse:

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

Respiratory Therapist:

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

Pharmacist:

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

* *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 the majority of the lecture components and skill stations and can answer questions with credibility.

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

Sincerely,

FCCS Program Committee

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

Dear ICU Director:

This individual is applying to become an Instructor for the SCCM course, Fundamental Critical Care Support (FCCS). One of the requirements is to provide proof that he/she has a practice ratio of 50% or more of their work hours caring for critically ill or injured patients within an ICU.

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

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

Date: _____

Thank you for your confirmation regarding this individual's proof of eligibility. This information will assist SCCM in maintaining highly qualified instructors in the FCCS program.

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