

Certification in Infection Control (CIC)

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- Is the formal recognition for ICPs who have fulfilled all of the requirements for certification.
- Is obtained by taking and passing a comprehensive examination that has been developed by the Certification Board for Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC).
- Is recognized and respected within and outside the field of infection prevention and control (IPAC) and epidemiology.
- Allows Infection Control Professionals (ICPs) to use the internationally recognized initials **CIC** after their names and in their titles. *Note: The CIC® is a federally (US) registered trademark and property of the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.*
- Is initially valid for five years after which successful completion of recertification exams extend certification at five-year intervals.

Certification in Infection Control (CIC) is NOT:

- The completion of and/or a certificate from any IPAC course/program/course of study that is currently available.

There is no one course that prepares an ICP to write the CIC exam. There are a number of excellent preparatory courses available in Canada and especially those that are endorsed by CHICA-Canada.

For comprehensive information on the CIC designation, practice requirements to write the certification exam, and examination processes refer to the CBIC website at <http://www.cbic.org/> or contact your local RICN.

Information for professional development IPAC courses that have been approved by Canada's Community and Hospital Infection Control Association (CHICA) go to http://www.chica.org/educ_education.html#endorsed or contact your local RICN.