



**Hyperbaric Certification  
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## Hyperbaric Certified - Safety (HC-S)<sup>®</sup>

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Updates in this revision include:

1. HC-S<sup>®</sup> pathway is now open to MDs and DOs
2. New Continuing Education Opportunities are announced for HC-S<sup>®</sup> recertification.
3. Updated credit offerings for the HC-S pathway now include *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits<sup>™</sup>* jointly provided through the UHMS.

### Why Certification is Right For You!

Become an expert in hyperbaric safety with the Hyperbaric Certified - Safety (HC-S<sup>®</sup>) designation. This certification demonstrates that you have achieved the highest professional standards in hyperbaric safety and helps you maintain your advanced training certification.


Having an official HC-S<sup>®</sup> credential will validate your knowledge of hyperbaric safety and enhance your resume for current and future job opportunities in a hyperbaric clinic. The HC-S<sup>®</sup> certification program is not limited to those seeking to become Hyperbaric Safety Director/Coordinator, but is designed to enhance and validate the necessary knowledge, skills, competence of hyperbaric safety for qualified team members in a hyperbaric facility.


The HC-S<sup>®</sup> program is built on the latest science, regulations, and advancements in the field of hyperbaric safety. It was developed by globally recognized leaders in the subspecialty and is a cost-effective way to expand and validate your knowledge, skills, and competence of hyperbaric safety.



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### **GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of this certification pathway is to ensure that Candidates meet the highest practice standards of hyperbaric safety as proven through coursework and examination.

Hyperbaric Certified-Safety (HC-S<sup>®</sup>) is not an entry-level qualification, rather an additional certification beyond the applicant's qualifying profession.

Note: There is no intent or implication that the Hyperbaric Certified-Safety (HC-S<sup>®</sup>) certification is a requisite to hyperbaric safety program initiation at a facility. Hyperbaric Certified-Safety (HC-S<sup>®</sup>) designation demonstrates that a candidate has achieved the highest professional standards of hyperbaric safety and provides a vehicle for the maintenance of this advanced training certification.

### **To complete this certification, candidates must:**

- Complete the required online course modules.
- Successfully complete an approved Introduction to the Role of Hyperbaric Safety Director course (or submit required documentation).
- Successfully complete a skills lab & practicum.
- Successfully complete the certification exam with a passing score of 70% or higher.


### **Qualifying Credentials Include:**

- MD, DO, CHT, CHRN, ACHRN, CHS, CHWS
- Candidates outside of the U.S. please contact us.



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### Enrollment Eligibility Requirements

Applicants become eligible to enroll in the Hyperbaric Certified-Safety (HC-S<sup>®</sup>) certification program once the following requirements are met:

The intent of these requirements is to ensure that each Hyperbaric Certified-Safety (HC-S<sup>®</sup>) candidate has the necessary and foundational knowledge to carry out the role and responsibilities of a graduated Hyperbaric Certified-Safety (HC-S<sup>®</sup>) candidate.

- Hold one of the above qualifying credentials.
- Successfully completed an approved primary training course in hyperbaric medicine.
  - Completion of a UHMS approved primary training course in hyperbaric medicine is necessary to ensure a minimum standard of education regarding the practice and scope of hyperbaric medicine. Any primary training course that is approved by the UHMS is acceptable.
- Minimum one year of experience in a hyperbaric environment after completing an approved basic training course in hyperbaric medicine. (Note: The intent is to ensure that each Candidate has the necessary foundational knowledge.)
- Successfully complete an approved Introduction to the Role of Hyperbaric Safety Director course within 2-years (24 months) of enrollment in the HC-S<sup>®</sup> program.
  - After the 2-year window, a candidate will need to retake an approved Introduction to the Role of Hyperbaric Safety Director/Coordinator course and meet all other training and competency requirements.



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### RECERTIFICATION

Maintain a minimum of 12 HCC Approved CEU's specific to hyperbaric safety within a 3-year period.

- The Hyperbaric Certified-Safety (HC-S<sup>®</sup>) credential will expire within 3 years if the required minimum 12 HCC approved CEUs within a 3-year period specific to hyperbaric safety have not been completed.
- Approved Recertification Opportunities for HC-S
  - Become a UHMS Facility Accreditation Surveyor = 6 credits toward HC-S<sup>©</sup> recertification. Find more details on the UHMS website  
<https://www.uhms.org/accreditation/surveyor-information.html>
  - Present a talk at a UHMS Chapter Meeting or UHMS Annual Scientific Meeting = 6 credits toward HC-S<sup>©</sup> recertification.
  - Author an abstract to be published by HCC through Best Publishing Company; or an abstract published in the UHM Journal published by the UHMS = 6 credits toward HC-S<sup>©</sup> recertification.
  - Approved Online Continuing Education Courses for HC-S: please refer to the HCC website for a current listing  
<https://gethcc.com/training-calendar/recertification-continuing-education.html>
  - Approved Upcoming Continuing Education Events for Recertification of HC-S: please refer to the HCC website for a current listing  
<https://gethcc.com/training-calendar/recertification-continuing-education.html>


Documentation meeting the eligibility requirements must accompany a candidate's application for Hyperbaric Certified-Safety (HC-S<sup>®</sup>) recertification. **Please send documentation to [certification@gethcc.com](mailto:certification@gethcc.com)**




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### REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, COMPETENCE

- Knowledge and Understanding of Hyperbaric Chambers, Chamber Systems and Subsystems
- Knowledge of Hyperbaric Codes, Standards, Regulatory Compliance
- Knowledge of Hyperbaric Safety Director/Coordinator Role, Standards, & Training
- Understanding of Fire Protection, Prevention, and Risk Assessment in a Hyperbaric Environment
- Understanding of Emergency Procedures
- Understanding of safety issues of Inside Chamber Attendants
- Understanding Safety in a Hyperbaric Environment:
  - History of hyperbaric mishaps
  - How accidents happen
  - Role of the Hyperbaric Safety Director/Coordinator
  - Management of a Hyperbaric Facility Safety Program
  - The Medical Director's Responsibility in Hyperbaric Facility Safety
  - The roles and responsibilities of nurses, technologists, and patients in promoting safety in a hyperbaric environment.

### PRACTICAL SKILLS LAB

**The objective of the practical skills lab is to help HC-S<sup>®</sup> Candidates translate theoretical learning into real-world practice.**

The goal is to provide a teaching and learning opportunity within the context of a practice setting that will allow candidates to develop self-confidence while increasing their competence as they become socialized into the role & responsibilities of HC-S<sup>®</sup>.


The HC-S<sup>®</sup> practical skills lab is conducted by either a graduated HC-S<sup>®</sup>, or other HCC approved personnel.


The Skills Lab will cover topics for both monoplace and multiplace chambers.



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- Competence in the Cleaning, Safety Checks, and Maintenance of Hyperbaric Acrylic.
- Understanding of codes and standards: how to handle the implementation of codes and standards within your unique clinic situation.
- Effective Patient Communications: pre-treatment, during treatment; different types of patients: language barriers, deaf/mute patients, and other barriers to communication.
- Mass Evacuation Drills: patients, waiting room, staff.
- Skilled in the Selection of Materials for use inside a hyperbaric chamber.
- Skills and Competence in Implementing Emergent Procedures: such as emergency decompression, active shooter, communication system failure, or another.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Licenses Eligible for Continuing Education Credits: MD, DO, CHS, RN, APRN, LPN, CNA, RCP, CRT, RRT

*AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*: MD, DO, CHS: Candidates could earn up to a maximum of 16 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* through this pathway. This course has been reviewed and approved by the UHMS for 16 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* for physicians, MD, DO licenses, this also applies to CHS looking to recertify.

Nursing Credits: RN, APRN, LPN, CNA, RCP, CRT, RRT. HC-S. Candidates could earn up to a maximum of 76 nursing credits through this pathway. Wound Care Education Partners is a Florida based company and a licensed CE Provider through the Florida State Board of Nursing and the CE is reciprocal for nurses in the United States. Florida nursing credits are reciprocal and approved for nurses within all states. Receiving credit for Florida providers is simple, attend the course and our staff will upload your credits directly to the Florida State database. For out of state credit, we provide a credit document for you to file with your respective nursing board.