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## **Update from the Hyperbaric Certification Commission**

This update covers the following agenda items:

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.

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### **1. HC-S Enrollment is Now Open to MDs and DOs.**

The Hyperbaric Certified - Safety pathway is now open to hyperbaric physicians with MD and DO licenses.

Notes: While the full HC-S pathway consists of 72 hours of study, physicians who attend the 2-day safety workshop as part of the pathway are eligible for 16 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*. We are optimistic that additional credits may be available in the future.

Details: Eligible MDs, DOs would need to have completed the following pre-requisites; 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.

- 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/Introductory Course in Hyperbaric Medicine that is approved by the UHMS is acceptable. You can find a full listing of approved introductory courses on the UHMS website  
<https://www.uhms.org/education/featured-education/introductory-courses.html>
- 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, skills, and competencies.)



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- 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.

CME Designation Statement. Jointly Provided, this activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society and Wound Care Education Partners. The Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Physician CME: The Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society designates this course for a maximum of 16 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## **2. New Recertification and Continuing Education Opportunities Announced for HC-S Recertification.**

As per the HC-S<sup>®</sup> Candidate Handbook, HC-S<sup>®</sup> graduates need a minimum of 12 HCC Approved CEU's specific to hyperbaric safety within a 3-year period.

### **HC-S Recertification Credit Opportunities:**

- 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® recertification

**Approved Continuing Education Credit Courses for HC-S Recertification:**

- Courses from the “Safety” category of the UHMS online courses platform. For eligible credits please refer to the *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)* listed with each course <https://www.courses-uhms.org/courses/safety.html>
- In-person or livestream opportunities will be available throughout the year. These events will be posted on the HCC website throughout the year. [gethcc.com](http://gethcc.com)

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