

Become CPHIMS-CA certified with COACH

Demonstrate your professional competency to employers and clients

What is CPHIMS-CA?

Valid in both Canada and the U.S., the Certified Professional in Healthcare Information and Management Systems–Canada (CPHIMS-CA) credential validates professional competency to respected international and Canadian criteria. CPHIMS-CA signifies that a health informatics (HI) professional has the skills, knowledge and abilities to perform safely and effectively in a broad range of practice settings. Organizations with CPHIMS-CA certified professionals find it helps:

- Deliver healthcare innovation projects with greater impact/lower costs
- Contribute to patient safety and healthcare delivery accountability
- Demonstrate professional competency in globally respected HI criteria
- Raise the profile of HI as a profession
- Recruit and retain top-quality HI staff

CPHIMS-CA is provided through a partnership between COACH and HIMSS, which issue the credential and certificate jointly to successful candidates.

Eligibility

To achieve CPHIMS-CA certification, you must write and pass the CPHIMS International exam as well as the Canadian Supplementary exam.

Writers require a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university plus five years of information and management systems experience¹, including three years in a healthcare setting² OR a graduate degree or higher from an accredited college or university plus three years of information and management systems experience¹, including two years in a healthcare setting².

1. Information and management systems experience refers to work experience in systems analysis; design; selection, implementation, support, and maintenance; testing and evaluation; privacy and security; information systems; clinical informatics; management engineering.
2. Healthcare setting includes experience with a provider of health services or products to a healthcare facility (e.g. hospital; healthcare consulting firm; vendor; federal, provincial/territorial or local government office; academic institution; payer; public health, etc.).

Maintenance & Renewal

Renewal must be completed every three years to maintain your certification.

Two ways to renew:

Obtain a total of 60 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and pay your renewal fee by your expiration date OR re-write and successfully pass the certification exams.

- A minimum of 25 CEUs must be obtained from HIMSS or HIMSS Approved Provider activities;
- A minimum of 10 CEUs must be obtained from COACH activities;
- The remaining CEUs may be obtained from other providers of HI professional education activities. If you are unsure if a particular event/activity suffices, please send the agenda to education@coachorg.com for confirmation.

“CPHIMS-CA definitely helps open doors in the vendor community. It sends a clear message to clients that they are dealing with professionals who have demonstrated competency to respected national and international criteria in the Health Informatics field.”

Scott McMillan, CPHIMS-CA,
President/PDG at Cercle Group

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Six Categories of Continuing Education Units

Continuing Education	Academic Credits	Presentations
Publications	Professional Service	Item Writing

EXAM PRICING 2017-2018

	CPHIMS Exam	CA Exam	Total
Member	\$390	\$244	\$634
Non-Member	\$488	\$345	\$833

Taxes not included. All prices in Canadian dollars.

Exam Prep Classes

You can prepare for the CPHIMS-CA Exam with a COACH Core HI Education Class, either online or in-person. Visit coachorg.com to register for a class, or email your exam and education questions to education@coachorg.com.

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