THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO THE HCISPP

Be the Frontline Defense in Protecting Health Information
You prove every day that you have what it takes to protect patient health information and navigate a complex regulatory environment. But our profession is always changing, and even the brightest minds can benefit from having a guide on the journey to success. (ISC)² is here to help you discover the right path, create your plan and thrive throughout your career.

The Ultimate Guide to the HCISPP covers everything to know about the healthcare security and privacy certification. See how the HCISPP – and (ISC)² – can distinguish you as a globally respected security leader.

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HealthCare Information Security and Privacy Practitioner (HCISPP) An (ISC)² Certification
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### Experience

To qualify for the HCISPP, candidates must pass the exam and have at least two years of cumulative, paid work experience in one or more knowledge areas of the (ISC)² HCISPP Common Body of Knowledge (CBK®) that includes security, compliance and privacy. Legal experience may be substituted for compliance and information management experience may be substituted for privacy. Of the two years of experience, one of those years must be in the healthcare industry.

A candidate who doesn’t yet have the required experience to become a HCISPP may become an Associate of (ISC)² after successfully passing the HCISPP exam. The Associate of (ISC)² will then have three years to earn the experience needed for the HCISPP certification.

### Discover Your Path

See “Pathway to HCISPP Certification” for more information.

### Jobs that Typically Use or Require the HCISPP

» Compliance Auditor  
» Compliance Officer  
» Health Information Manager  
» Information Security Manager  
» Information Technology Manager  
» Medical Records Supervisor  
» Practice Manager  
» Privacy and Security Consultant  
» Privacy Officer  
» Risk Analyst
Professionals who hold (ISC)² certifications and specifically the HCISPP gain instant credibility from clients, because clients understand the dedication required to become a member of this elite group. My firm’s experience combined with our HCISPP certifications have positioned us as the leaders in healthcare information security and compliance consulting.

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I pursued the HCISPP because I knew it would give clients confidence in my advice and recommendations. It was well worth the time and effort! Since earning this certification, I have received several job offers. But I enjoy working with private practices, since I believe they are the most vulnerable.

Holding the HCISPP immediately establishes you as a subject matter expert in the field. Not only does the certification require relevant experience, it also demonstrates your knowledge and advanced technical skills to colleagues and clients.

Being certified as an HCISPP has positively impacted my marketability and overall reputation with clients. The emphasis HCISPP certification places on different regulatory initiatives around the world deeply facilitates understanding of client needs from a global perspective.

Join the (ISC)² Community!
Meet, learn from and ask questions of HCISPPs in our virtual community. You don’t have to be an (ISC)² member to join relevant discussions with a network of security professionals focused on ensuring a safe and secure cyber world.
Fast Facts About HCISPPs

- Introduced in 2013
- Exam available at 882 locations in 114 countries
- (ISC)² certified members work in more than 160 countries globally
- HCISPPs are part of a network of over 125,000 cybersecurity professionals

SHOUT-OUTS

- Listed as one of the 8 certifications you need to compete in Health IT — Electronic Health Reporter
- Named ONE OF THE 8 VALUABLE SECURITY CERTIFICATIONS FOR 2017 — Dark Reading
- Named one of the BEST Healthcare IT certifications for 2017 — Tom’s IT Pro
Benefits of Being HCISPP-Certified

Career advancement
Raise visibility and credibility, improve job security and create new opportunities.

Versatile skills
Vendor-neutral so skills can be applied to different technologies and methodologies.

Respect
Differentiate yourself to employers, clients and peers.

Solid foundation
Be better prepared to stem cyber attacks and inspire a safe and secure cyber world.

Community of professionals
Gain access to (and respect from) a global community of like-minded cybersecurity leaders.

Higher salaries
On average, (ISC)² members report earning 35% more than non-members.

Expanded knowledge
Reach a deeper, better and broader understanding of the common body of knowledge for cybersecurity.

Stronger skill set
Expand the skills and knowledge needed to fulfill organizational duties.
Once you earn your HCISPP, you become an (ISC)² member and part of a professional community that never stops learning and growing. You also gain access to a full suite of benefits and resources for continuing education and development:

» Free online (ISC)² Professional Development Institute courses
» Free subscription to InfoSecurity Professional Magazine
» Member pricing for (ISC)² events
» 50% off official (ISC)² textbooks
» Deep discounts on industry conferences
» Expert-led webinars on the latest security issues
» The ability to join or start a local (ISC)² Chapter
» Volunteer opportunities
» Safe and Secure Online program
» Professional recognition through (ISC)² Awards Programs
» Digital badges to promote expertise
» (ISC)² Member Perks

Digital Badges Show Off Your Skills

A digital badge is the cool (and secure) way to share your credential online. You can attach it to a website, digital resume, email signature or social network. And with one simple click, employers and colleagues can verify your credential – and all that’s required to earn it.

Easy to claim and use, digital badges let you…

» Share abilities online
» Prove verification of abilities in real time
» Show the experience and knowledge required to earn your HCISPP
The HCISPP exam evaluates expertise across seven security domains. (Think of domains as topics you need to master based on your professional experience and education.) Passing the exam proves you have the knowledge and ability to successfully implement, manage or assess security and privacy controls for healthcare and patient information.

**HCISPP Exam Overview**

- **Score you need out of 1,000 to pass the exam**: 700
- **Number of HCISPP certification exam items**: 125
- **Amount of time allowed for taking the HCISPP certification exam**: 3 hrs.
- **Exam availability**: English
- **Testing Centers**: Pearson VUE

**Percentages = Weight on Exam**

- RISK MANAGEMENT AND RISK ASSESSMENT: 20%
- THIRD PARTY RISK MANAGEMENT: 15%
- HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY: 12%
- INFORMATION GOVERNANCE IN HEALTHCARE: 15%
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES IN HEALTHCARE: 8%
- REGULATORY AND STANDARDS ENVIRONMENT: 5%
- PRIVACY AND SECURITY IN HEALTHCARE: 25%
Official HCISPP Training

With instructor-led online and classroom courses, (ISC)² has a training option to fit different schedules and learning styles. Trainings, seminars, courseware and self-study aids directly from (ISC)² or one of our many Official Training Providers help you get ready for the HCISPP exam by reviewing relevant domains and topics.

HCISPP Study Resources

- Exam Outline
- Official (ISC)² Guide to the HCISPP CBK
- Official HCISPP Flash Cards
- Suggested References

Create Your Plan

Get your copy of the (ISC)² Certification Prep Kit.
Pathway to HCISPP Certification

Obtain the Required Experience
To qualify for the HCISPP, candidates must have at least two years of cumulative, paid work experience in one or more of the seven domains:

- **Domain 1.** Healthcare Industry
- **Domain 2.** Information Governance in Healthcare
- **Domain 3.** Information Technologies in Healthcare
- **Domain 4.** Regulatory and Standards Environment
- **Domain 5.** Privacy and Security in Healthcare
- **Domain 6.** Risk Management and Risk Assessment
- **Domain 7.** Third-Party Risk Management

If you don’t have enough experience yet, you can still pass the HCISPP exam and become an Associate of (ISC)² while you earn the work experience needed.

Study for the Exam
Many self-study resources are available from (ISC)² – the creator and keeper of the HCISPP CBK – to help you prepare with confidence. Some HCISPP candidates pass the exam with self-study, and many choose to attend an Official (ISC)² Training seminar to review and refresh knowledge before sitting for the exam.

Pass the Exam
Candidates are given three hours to complete the 125-item HCISPP exam. If you’re ready now, schedule your exam by creating an account with Pearson VUE, the leading provider of global, computer-based testing for certification and licensure exams.

Get Endorsed
After you pass the exam, you will have nine months from the date of the exam to complete the (ISC)² endorsement process.

Earn CPEs
Once you are certified, you become a member of (ISC)² and recertify every three years. Recertification is accomplished by earning continuing professional education (CPE) credits and paying an Annual Maintenance Fee (AMF) to support ongoing development.

60 CPEs  U.S. $125 AMF  3 years
Members with multiple (ISC)² certifications only pay a single AMF.
The CPE requirement helps you maintain your competencies following initial certification. By developing and enhancing skills through CPE activities, you make an important investment in yourself while increasing value to customers and employers.

(ISC)² makes it possible for you to earn all your CPE credits without spending a dime.

Free CPE Opportunities

Join Webinars
Think Tanks
Security Briefings
eSymposiums
Solutions Summit

Read & Write
Read the bimonthly InfoSecurity Professional e-magazine and take a short quiz
Subscribe to and summarize an information security magazine
Read a book directly related to HCISPP and submit a 150-word review
Author an information security article published in a journal or magazine
Review an educational white paper related to the HCISPP

Attend Training & Events
(ISC)² Chapter meetings
Prepare or attend an educational presentation related to the HCISPP CBK domains
(ISC)² Professional Development Institute courses

Volunteer
Become a Safe and Secure Online Ambassador and spread your knowledge about cyber safety in your community
Volunteer to help develop (ISC)² Certification exams
The (ISC)² Professional Development Institute (PDI) is your go-to resource for timely and relevant continuing education opportunities that will keep your skills sharp and curiosity piqued. All courses are designed with input from leading industry experts and based on proven learning techniques. And best of all, they’re FREE to (ISC)² members and count toward CPE credits.

Not a member yet? PDI courses are available for purchase, so you have the opportunity to learn how to better secure critical assets and consistently grow as a cybersecurity professional.

Course types include:

- **Immersive** – in-depth investigations of a single topic delivered in an online, self-paced format.
- **Lab** – hands-on approach enabling learners to practice specific technical skills within a virtual machine environment.
- **Express Learning** – topical short-format modules that leverage the expertise of (ISC)² members.

**Go beyond certification with courses from our growing portfolio.**

Learn more about PDI and the free courses offered to (ISC)² members:

[www.isc2.org/development](http://www.isc2.org/development)
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(ISC)$^2$ is an international nonprofit membership association focused on inspiring a safe and secure cyber world. Best known for the acclaimed Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP®) certification, (ISC)$^2$ offers a portfolio of credentials that are part of a holistic, pragmatic approach to security. Our membership, over 140,000 strong, is made up of certified cyber, information, software and infrastructure security professionals who are making a difference and helping to advance the industry. Our vision is supported by our commitment to educate and reach the general public through our charitable foundation – The Center for Cyber Safety and EducationTM.