

Certified Industrial Rehab Specialist

The initial level of certification through OccuPro is the **Certified Industrial Rehab Specialist**. Following the four day Comprehensive Industrial Rehabilitation training program you will receive a certificate certifying you as a trained industrial rehab evaluator. Following the completion of nationally recognized criteria individuals may apply for and obtain certification as a Certified Industrial Rehab Specialists. The Criteria is listed below and consists of:

Non-refundable certification fee US\$300.00

Number of services completed by licensed PT, OT or ATC to request certification:

- Functional Capacity Evaluation = 5
- Work Hardening/Conditioning Evaluation = 5
- Functional Progress Note/Functional Discharge Summary = 5
- Job Demands Analysis = 5

Number of services completed by licensed PTA, COTA, exercise physiologist, or ATC to request certification:

- Functional Progress Note/Functional Discharge Summary = 15
- Job Demands Analysis = 5
- Work Hardening/Conditioning Treatment = 5

Following the completion of the number of services listed above the allied health professional shall request an application packet. The application packet will be completed and a list of each of the services completed will be included. Two of each service will be requested by OccuPro for review. These services will be sent to a committee of 3 other Certified Industrial Rehab Specialists and/or Certified Functional Capacity Evaluators for critique. There are 10 criteria that need to be met with a total score of 70% for certification.

Criteria are as follows

1. Provider tests the necessary physical demands outlined
2. Reports are complete with additions noted to the pre-populated statements and pre-populated statements are modified for grammatical correctness
3. Appropriate Job Simulation tasks are tested and documented
4. Proper documentation with proper sentence structure and spelling is noted
5. Recommendations and/or Rehabilitation Recommendations are listed and appropriate with documentation noted in regards to plan of care, frequency/duration and reason to continue or discontinue treatment
6. Proper validity documentation is noted with notes on consistency of effort and validity of pain reports. Inconsistencies are thoroughly outlined
7. Work Hardening goals are functional, time bound, relate to the physical demands of the job and deficits are identified.
8. Functional Progress Notes and Functional Discharge Summaries are injury specific and job specific evaluations
9. Functional Progress Notes and Functional Discharge Summaries show progress as compared to previous functional testing.
10. Job Demands Analysis are thorough, proper documentation of weights, heights, and distances are noted with the client present at the evaluation

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Certification Eligibility and Process

To be eligible for certification as a Certified Industrial Rehab Specialist (CIRS) the candidate must

1. Be a fully qualified allied health professional who has completed the level of Associate of Science degree within an allied health profession
 - a. Course work to be considered an allied health professional to include
 - i. Anatomy/Physiology
2. Complete the 4 day Comprehensive Industrial Rehabilitation training program through OccuPro
3. Perform number of services listed on front
4. Request and complete an application packet
5. Submit to the committee a list of each of the services completed
6. Successfully pass the critique of 2 of each service based on criteria outlined on front page
7. Submit a completed application package within 3 years of completion of OccuPro's Comprehensive Industrial Rehab Training program
8. Submit a non refundable processing fee US\$300.00

The application package

The application package consists of the following materials and should be submitted to OccuPro. (Contact OccuPro to receive the application package)

1. Certification Application Form (1)
2. Professional Experience Form (1)
3. Statement of Professional Ethics and Practice Form (1)
4. Professional References Form (2)

Re-Certification

The Certified Industrial Rehab Specialist is required to renew their certification every four years. To be eligible for re-certification the candidate must.

1. Submit documentation of 16 hours of continuing education within the field of industrial rehabilitation and workers' compensation
OR
2. Retake OccuPro's Comprehensive Industrial Rehabilitation Training course for \$625.00.
OR
3. OccuPro's Functional Capacity Evaluation Training course for \$450.00
OR
4. OccuPro's Work Hardening – Work Conditioning Training course for \$250.00
5. Submit for critique two of each evaluations (FCE, FPN, FDS, WH eval, and JDA) to OccuPro performed since your last certification
6. Submit a non-refundable fee of US\$300.00