



Certified Industrial Rehab Specialist (CIRS)

Following the completion of our FCE + RTW + WH/WC Certification Course, you will receive a certificate outlining your contact hours and deeming you a trained industrial rehab evaluator. After completing nationally recognized criteria, you may apply for and obtain certification as a **Certified Industrial Rehab Specialists (CIRS)** – allowing you to add CIRS credentials to your name. Criteria consists of completing our Application Package and the services listed below.

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

Services

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

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

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

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

Certification Criteria

Following the completion of the services listed above you may request an Application Packet. The packet must include a list of each service completed. 2 of each service will be requested and sent to a committee of 3 Certified Industrial Rehab Specialists and/or Certified Functional Capacity Evaluators for critique.

The following 10 criteria need to be met with a total score of 70% for certification via the review process:

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/Functional Discharge Summaries are injury specific and job specific evaluations.
9. Functional Progress Notes/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.

Certification Eligibility and Process

To be eligible for certification as a Certified Industrial Rehab Specialists (CIRS) you 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 anatomy and physiology.
2. Complete the OccuPro FCE + RTW + WH/WC Certification Course.
3. Perform number of services listed on front.
4. Submit to the committee a list of each of the services completed.
5. Successfully pass the critique of 2 of each service based on criteria outlined on front page.
6. Submit a completed Application Package within 3 years of completion of FCE + RTW + WH/WC Certification Course.
7. Submit a non-refundable processing fee of US \$350.00.

Re-Certification

You are required to renew your certification every 4 years. To be eligible for re-certification you must:

1. Submit documentation of 16 hours of continuing education within the field of industrial rehabilitation and workers' comp.

OR

2. Take or retake the OccuPro FCE + RTW + WH/WC Certification Course (50% off), the OccuPro Functional Capacity Evaluation Certification Course (50% off), or the OccuPro Work Hardening/Work Conditioning Training Course (50% off).

AND

3. Submit for critique 2 of each evaluations (FCE, Functional Progress Note, Functional Discharge Summary, work hardening/conditioning evaluation, and Job Demands Analysis) to OccuPro which were performed since your last certification.
4. Submit a non-refundable fee of US \$350.00.