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New Program Offers Employers a Cost-Effective Path to Certification of Transplant Professionals

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (Nov. 14, 2018) – As part of its commitment to the highest standards of practice in organ donation and transplantation, the American Board for Transplant Certification (ABTC) has launched a new certification assistance program.

The program, called CertPath, is designed to make it easier for employers to support their employees in achieving initial ABTC certification, while limiting financial risk if a candidate needs a second attempt to pass the exam.

“We are committed to working with employers to encourage specialized certifications that help them foster teams marked by true excellence,” said Rob Teaster, RN, MBA, CPTC, president of ABTC. “Our constituents have indicated that support from their employers is an important factor in pursuing certification. We created the CertPath program to address the barriers of financial risk to the institution and reduce the fear of failing by the transplant professional.”

Under the CertPath program, enrolled organizations are only billed for certification exams when their candidates pass.

CertPath is open to transplant centers, organ procurement organizations and all other organizations that employ transplant professionals eligible to take ABTC certification exams for the first time. The program applies to all four ABTC certification exams: Certified Procurement Transplant Coordinators (CPTC), Certified Clinical Transplant Coordinators (CCTC), Certified Clinical Transplant Nurse (CCTN), and Certified Transplant Preservationist (CTP).

ABTC certification demonstrates a high level of competence in the field, as well as a personal commitment to saving and improving the lives of patients and their families.

For transplant centers and organ procurement organizations, there are many benefits to having ABTC-certified professionals on the team. Such benefits range from specialized knowledge and continuous professional growth for the certified professionals to improved competitive positioning for the organization. It can also bolster an organization’s efforts to achieve and maintain Magnet Recognition®, a prestigious distinction earned for nursing excellence.

“Certified transplant professionals are part of an elite community – those who operate at the top of their fields Teaster said. “The CertPath program is our latest way of working with organ procurement organizations and transplant centers to grow that elite community within their own institutions.”

About ABTC

Since 1988, American Board for Transplant Certification (ABTC) has promoted excellence in organ transplantation through specialty certification. As the only accredited certifying body for organ donation and transplant professionals, ABTC establishes education and competency standards while promoting continued professional growth. ABTC is an independently incorporated, not for profit organization managed by a volunteer governing board, a group of fully certified organ donation and transplantation professionals who strongly believe all patients deserve safe, high quality care. With experts at the helm and a mission driven by the importance of lifelong learning, ABTC certification is a mark of true excellence in organ donation and transplantation. Learn more at abtc.net.

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