



# HSPA's Test Development SMEs Brave Blizzard in Chicago

HSPA is incredibly grateful to the 18 subject matter experts (SMEs) who traveled to Chicago—amid blizzard-like conditions and frigid temperatures—to update content for the CRCST, CHL and CER examinations. Our SMEs are exceptional, exhibiting professionalism and dedication, and our test development sessions simply could not be successful without them.



Pictured left to right (back row): Francisco Garcia, José Acosta, Stephanie Boroz, Angela Warner, Jim Carlock, Beth Rayfield and Erich Samhammer

Middle row: William Romo-Murphy, Darry McDowell, Jennifer Zeck, Garrett Hollembeak, Lisa McKown, Billye Beasley and Judy Apparb-Joachim

Front row: Shawn Pettersson, Ann Kobayashi, Janet Miller (Prometric), Mallory Rico and Donnie Walters

## All HSPA Certifications Now Accredited by ANSI and NCCA

For nearly a decade, HSPA's CRCST certification has been accredited by both the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). We are pleased to announce that all four of our certifications (CRCST, CIS, CHL and CER) are now accredited by the two agencies. ANSI and NCCA accreditation provides third-party confirmation that certification programs meet the highest quality standards in the Industry. Attaining accreditation is a complex, challenging and rewarding pursuit. We are thrilled to offer our high-quality certifications to our members, certification holders and Sterile Processing (SP) professionals worldwide.

## 2024 CRCST PILOT EXAM UPDATE

As part of our ongoing test development process, an update to the CRCST exam will launch this summer. The current version of the exam, based on the 2017 CRCST exam content outline, uses HSPA's *Central Service Technical Manual*, eighth ed., ANSI/AAMI ST79 (2010 edition) and AORN's *Perioperative Standards & Recommended Practices* (2017 edition) as references and will be available until May 16, 2024. **Note: Applications must be received by HSPA by April 12, 2024, for testing to the current examination.**

A discounted pilot test for the updated exam will be offered from June 1–15, 2024. Following the June pilot, CRCST testing will not be available from June 16 to September 9, 2024. Regular, ongoing testing of the updated exam will resume September 10, 2024. Applications for the discounted CRCST pilot exam in June will be available beginning February 1, 2024. More information regarding the updated exam and its new content outline and references can be found at [www.myhspa.org/certification](http://www.myhspa.org/certification).