1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for the assessment of participants on Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient (CCrISP®) provider courses and outlines the requirements for successful course completion and defines the possible results for course participants.

2. KEYWORDS

Assessment, participant, CCrISP®, Remedial, MCQ

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1. Assessment

3.1.1. Participants on the CCrISP® course are continuously assessed and certified accordingly. Course assessment includes continual subjective assessment of participant’s core knowledge, clinical insight, enthusiasm and assessment of the final day patient management scenario. Participants are assessed throughout the course by all faculty members and their performance discussed at faculty meetings.

3.1.2. It is essential that faculty maintain accurate course records, especially if they consider a participant to be below standard. All of the assessment forms on the course are subjective and there is space to fill in any relevant comments about the individual participants. The subjective nature of this assessment requires faculty to maintain accurate records for discussion at faculty meetings. The course assessment forms provide the opportunity to include relevant comments about participant performance.

3.1.3. The participant is assessed on the following:

a. Attend entire course
   If incomplete, the course director is to identify portions of the course that the participant needs to complete.
   If a participant misses more than half of any lecture/skills station this section needs to be completed on another course.
   If a participant misses half a day or more of a course, they are required to complete the course again.

b. Cognitive performance
   Written Pre-Test

c. Skills Performance
   Day One
   Pressure Monitoring
   Advanced Shock
   Communication & Organisational Skills One
   Renal Scenarios
   Day Two
   Sepsis Scenarios
   Dysrhythmia Management
   Chest Radiology & Respiratory Care
   Communication & Organisational Skills Two

d. Final assessment – Practical Management of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient
3.1.4. Final status options:

**Successful** Successfully completed the course

**Incomplete** Attended but did not complete the course

**Unsuccessful** Did not complete the requirements of the course

3.2. Successful

3.2.1. Successful completion of the CCRISP® course is based on the participant’s fulfilment of all essential requirements of each of the cognitive and psychomotor testing components in the course:

a. Read and be familiar with the course manual prior to the course
b. Complete the pre-course, open book MCQ paper prior to the course
c. Submit MCQ answer sheet upon registering on the first day of the course
d. Attend and actively participate in all sessions of the course in their entirety
e. Demonstrate understanding of the course principles and materials during the course
f. Perform to a satisfactory standard in the practical skill stations held on day 1 and day 2

3.2.2. Skill stations tested are:

a. Pressure monitoring
b. Dysrhythmia management
c. Communication and organisational skills 1 and 2
d. Renal scenarios
e. Chest radiology and respiratory care
f. Advanced shock
g. Sepsis scenarios

3.2.3. Successful completion of the final day practical management of the critically ill surgical patient scenario in accordance with the essential requirements outlined for this session, and the critical treatment decisions and potential for adverse outcome as identified on each patient scenario evaluation form.

3.2.4. Successful completion of the course is based on the participant’s fulfilment of all essential requirements of each of the cognitive and psychomotor testing components in the course as described in 3.1.1.

3.3. Incomplete

3.3.1. If a participant attends the course but does not complete all aspects of the course they are given an incomplete status. This means that the participant is unsuccessful (refer section 3.4).

3.3.2. Consideration may be given to participants who have missed the welcome/introduction part of the course, refer item 3.5.1.

3.4. Unsuccessful

3.4.1. Participants who do not successfully complete any one of the course components outlined in section 3.1.1 will be considered unsuccessful.
3.4.2. Participants who do not successfully complete only one skills station may be given the opportunity to improve their skills station deficiencies during the course to successfully complete the requirements.

3.4.3. Unsuccessful participants are required to successfully complete another CCrISP® Provider Course. The participant is required to enrol again and pay the full course fee.

3.5. Assessment criteria summary

3.5.1. Participants who do not attend portions of the course but are otherwise satisfactory may be given the opportunity to attend the missed portions at another course scheduled within six months of the participant's original course. Based on the faculty's evaluation of this participant an "incomplete" status will be given and the participant may attend the missed portions of the next course at no cost.

3.5.2. If the participant does not successfully complete one of the practical skills stations in accordance with the essential requirements established for each station, the participant may be given the opportunity to demonstrate satisfactory performance during the course. Upon satisfactory performance, they will be given successful status. If not, they will be Unsuccessful and will be required to attend another CCrISP® course at their own cost.

3.5.3. If the participant has an unsatisfactory rating at two or more practical skills stations or the final day Practical Management of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient scenario skill station, the participant is Unsuccessful and will be required to attend another CCrISP® course at their own cost.

3.6. Appeals

Participants may appeal the decision in line with RACS appeals mechanism policy.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

RACS Appeals Mechanism Policy

Approver: Education Board
Authoriser: Council