**HL7 FHIR Certification Program Proposal**

**2016**

# Certification Program Description

The proposed HL7 Certification Program would provide for the following:

* HL7 Certified Professional Credentials for FHIR
* Valid for 3 years

**Summary:**

At a high level, a candidate would do the following:

1. Candidate Preparation (Eligibility)
2. Apply for certification
3. Take Exam
4. Respond to audit if required
5. Maintain certification
6. Renew certification

## Eligibility:

A candidate must be an active HL7 member or member of an affiliate (individual or through their organization)

Candidates must also have 14 points of FHIR experience, participation and training. At least 6 points must be a combination of practical field experience and/or connectathon participation experience.

* Practical field experience. (1 point per person-month)
* Experience with FHIR connectathons (1 point per connectathon day)
* Completion of FHIR training. (1 point per course)
* Participation in FHIR standards development or adoption. (2 points per trimester)

Applicants are asked to list and attest to their training and experience. They are also asked to provide a reference who can testify to their experience.

Applicants must also submit a resource to a test FHIR server using a tool such as “postman”. (specific requirements will be provided).

## Testing:

If the students meet eligibility requirements, they may sit for the test. The test includes access to the standard and a test server. The test questions are multiple choice, multi-select, and fill in the blank.

Upon passing the test, the applicant is considered certified.

## Certification Maintenance:

To maintain their certification, certification holders must remain active members of HL7 or an affiliate. They must complete a combination of continuing education, connectathon participation, or standards participation.

Candidates can maintain their certification by completing the following:

* Continued practical field experience. (1 point per person-month) (max 15)
* Experience with FHIR connectathons (1 point per connectathon day)
* Completion of CEUs. (1 point per CEU)
* Participation in FHIR standards development or adoption efforts (2 points per trimester)

At the three year mark, the certification can be renewed without a new test if their certification was maintained by accumulating 25 maintenance points.

CEU = 3 hours training either by HL7 or approved by HL7.