SCCM COVID-19 Provisional Licensed Course Policies

As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) understands that licensed course sites, faculty, and participants may be faced with the decision to hold or attend a previously scheduled course. To support these decisions, SCCM has developed the following provisional policies.

Course Licenses

SCCM encourages course sites to follow WHO, CDC, state, and local guidelines regarding public gatherings and social distancing. At this time, SCCM offers the following:

- Sites may transfer in-person courses to the online format at no additional charge. This applies to courses for which an online option is available.
- SCCM will extend course licenses to allow for in-person skill stations or in-person courses for 6 months from the date the license expires or until July 1, 2021, whichever comes first. Course licenses will be extended upon request only.
- If a site would like to set up an online course, extend their license, or make alternative course arrangements, they are encouraged to contact the SCCM Licensing Team at licensing@sccm.org.

Virtual Delivery of In-Person Course

To allow flexibility for in-person course delivery the FCCS, PFCCS, FDM, and FCCS: Resource Limited Committees approve virtual presentation of didactic material through video conferencing or other streaming services. The course director and instructors must virtually present and answer questions using this model.

Similarly, skill stations for the FCCS, PFCCS, FDM, and FCCS: Resource Limited courses may be delivered through video conferencing or other streaming services. FCCS has developed a mechanical ventilation skill station video, which is available with the other course materials in the Licensed Activities Portal, should be used to supplement teaching of the mechanical ventilation skill stations. The video is not intended to replace virtual presentation of the skill stations.

At this time virtual delivery of in-person courses approved through June 30, 2021.

New Course Sites

Sites interested in starting up a new course may contact the SCCM Licensing Team to make alternative arrangements for consultant participation.

Faculty Terms

One requirement to maintain SCCM-approved instructor, director, and consultant status is the continued participation as licensed course faculty. As courses are delayed or moved online there will be limited opportunities to fulfill this requirement.

Therefore, SCCM will extend the terms of SCCM-approved instructors, directors, and consultants for all licensed courses. All SCCM-approved faculty whose term is set to expire between March 1, 2020, and March 1, 2021, will have their terms extended for one year.

The dates in this document will be continuously evaluated and addressed. Please contact the SCCM Licensing Team for more information or with any questions.