

Hospital Accreditation Essentials

August 4-6, 2026 | Oakbrook Terrace, IL

Tuesday, August 4

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| 7:00am – 8:00am | Registration & Continental Breakfast Buffet |
| | Welcome and Introductions |
| 8:00am – 8:15am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kamaria Patterson Education Specialist Global Education, Joint Commission |
| | Opening Session |
| 8:15am – 9:00am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elizabeth Even, MSN, CEN Senior Director Field Operations, Joint Commission |
| | Accreditation 360 and Accreditation Participation Requirements |
| 9:00am – 10:00am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janice Hamscher, DNP, MBA, NEA-BC Nurse Consultant, Joint Commission Resources |
| 10:00am – 10:15am | Break |
| | Leadership Chapter |
| 10:15am – 11:00am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dwayne Thomas, M.D., M.M.M. Physician Surveyor, Joint Commission |
| 11:00am – 12:00pm | Lunch |
| | Performance Improvement Chapter |
| 12:00pm – 12:45pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dwayne Thomas, M.D., M.M.M. Physician Surveyor, Joint Commission |
| | Provision of Care and Medication Management Chapters |
| 12:45pm – 2:00pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janice Hamscher, DNP, MBA, NEA-BC Nurse Consultant, Joint Commission Resources |
| 2:00pm – 2:15pm | Break |
| | Medical Staff, Nursing, Human Resources Chapters |
| 2:15pm – 3:30pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dwayne Thomas, M.D., M.M.M. Physician Surveyor, Joint Commission |
| | Record of Care, Information Management, Rights & Responsibilities Chapters |
| 3:30pm – 4:00pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janice Hamscher, DNP, MBA, NEA-BC Nurse Consultant, Joint Commission Resources |
| 4:00pm – 4:30pm | Questions & Answers |
| | Networking Reception |
| 4:30pm – 6:00pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redstone American Grill (Across the street from Joint Commission Conference Center) |

Wednesday, August 5

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| 7:30am – 8:00am | Continental Breakfast Buffet |
| 8:00am – 8:05am | Announcements & Reminders |
| 8:05am – 9:45am | Physical Environment Chapter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edward M. Browne, MS, CPHQ, CHFM, CHPA, CHC Engineer, Physical Environment & Emergency Management |
| 9:45am – 10:00am | Break |
| 10:00am – 11:30am | Physical Environment Chapter (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edward M. Browne, MS, CPHQ, CHFM, CHPA, CHC Engineer, Physical Environment & Emergency Management |
| 11:30am – 11:45am | Perspective on Physical Environment Findings Clinicians Can Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janice Hamscher, DNP, MBA, NEA-BC Nurse Consultant, Joint Commission Resources |
| 11:45am – 12:30pm | Lunch |
| 12:30pm – 1:30pm | National Performance Goals Chapter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dwayne Thomas, M.D., M.M.M. Physician Surveyor, Joint Commission |
| 1:30pm – 2:30pm | Infection Control Chapter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janice Hamscher, DNP, MBA, NEA-BC Consultant, Joint Commission Resources |
| 2:30pm – 2:45pm | Break |
| 2:45pm – 3:15pm | Transplant Safety Chapter and Waived Testing (now in NPG Chapter) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dwayne Thomas, M.D., M.M.M. Physician Surveyor, Joint Commission |
| 3:15pm – 3:45pm | Continuous Readiness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janice Hamscher, DNP, MBA, NEA-BC Nurse Consultant, Joint Commission Resources Dwayne Thomas, M.D., M.M.M. Physician Surveyor, Joint Commission |
| 3:45pm – 4:00pm | Questions & Answers |

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this program participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the accreditation process, including ways to identify and manage risk points.
2. Outline chapter highlights, frequently cited standards and related compliance strategies
3. Identify National Performance Goals: compliance trends and requirement tips
4. Summarize current compliance information and best practices for reducing the risk of infection in your health care organization