

Comparison Criteria	AHCA IPCO Certificate	APIC CIC Certification	NADONA IP Certification
LTC/ROP Specific?	Yes. (developed by LTC experts + includes ROP antibiotic stewardship training)	No.	Yes. (but antibiotic stewardship will require a separate certificate and additional fees)
Meets CMS expectations?	Yes	Unknown	Unknown
Exam Preparation Format and Cost	On-line 24/7 access included (quizzes + all ROP infection control and antibiotic stewardship elements) – cost included in total price	In-person Prep Class (\$375 plus travel) or webinars for \$250 + exam guide (\$99 - \$119) + \$50 practice exam for each attempt	In person prep class (\$225 Member or \$350 plus travel) or six webinars (\$200) + \$100 essential clinical reference guide (infection control only)
Final Exam Cost	Included in Total Price	\$350 at Prometric testing sites	\$350
Total Price (exam preparation and final exam)	\$450 AHCA Member \$650 Non-Member	APIC Member Price: \$749 (webinar) or \$874 plus travel. Add \$20 for non-member pricing.	NADONA Member Price is \$675 with prep class + travel costs or \$650 with webinar prep; (antibiotic stewardship not included)
Cost to Retake Exam	Included in Price	\$350 after 90-day waiting period	Not stated
Length of time before recertification	3 years	5 years	3 years
Recertification Price	\$200 AHCA Member \$300 Non-Member	\$325	\$250

