



PHAP Credentialing Program Certification in Understanding the Humanitarian Ecosystem

Self-Assessment

Using the Self-Assessment

When preparing for the PHAP Credentialing Program certifications, the recommended starting point is to assess your existing knowledge in each of the areas of the certification assessment outline.

Use this simple tool to rate your own level of knowledge in each area, to the best of your ability.

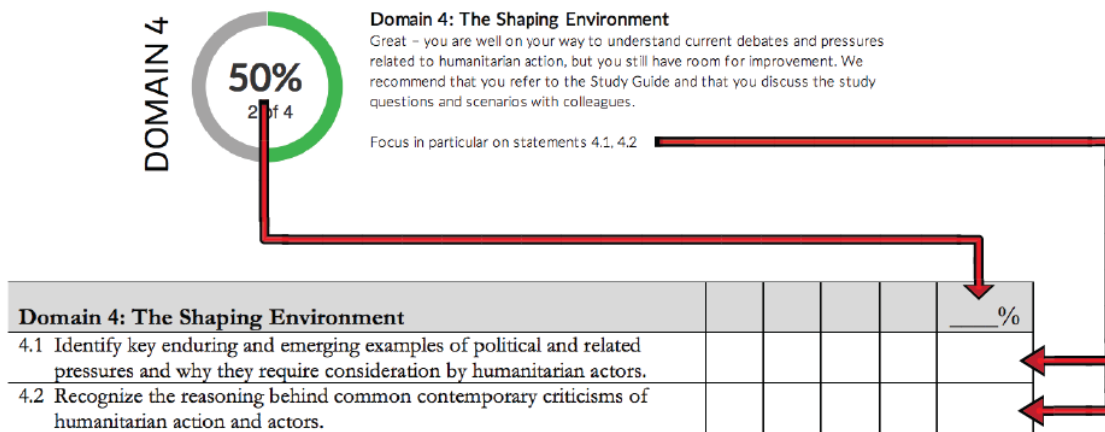
	Pre-existing knowledge				Diagnostic Test results: Area of particular focus?
	None	Some, but with gaps	Ok, but need refresher	Good	
Domain 1: The Big Picture					___%
1.1 Identify approaches to describing the scope and defining characteristics of humanitarian action.					
1.2 Recognize how the current humanitarian ecosystem emerged, including key historical milestones and turning points.					
1.3 Identify the basic types of crisis that may call for humanitarian response and the essential differences between them, according to commonly used typologies.					
1.4 Identify key ways in which humanitarian action is distinct from, and connected to, other forms of assistance and protection.					
1.5 Identify key contemporary reform and review processes in the humanitarian ecosystem.					
1.6 Identify major contemporary international policy frameworks in related areas and their relevance for humanitarian action.					
1.7 Recognize the main forms of accountability among different stakeholders in the context of humanitarian action.					
1.8 Recognize how the concepts of vulnerability and resilience are used in the context of humanitarian action.					
Domain 2: Key Actors					___%
2.1 Recognize the key ways in which crisis-affected people are both the focus of humanitarian action and play an active part in its planning, implementation, and assessment.					
2.2 Identify the key types of governmental actors (civilian and military) that are likely to be involved in domestic crisis response and typical divisions of responsibility among them.					
2.3 Identify the key UN agencies active in humanitarian action, their mandates, and their positions in the UN system.					
2.4 Recognize how the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement emerged and identify the mandates of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.					

2.5 Identify the key functional differences among non-governmental organizations involved in humanitarian action.					
2.6 Identify the main kinds of donors contributing to humanitarian action and the main types of funding mechanisms and relationships.					
2.7 Identify purposes for which humanitarian actors engage with armed actors, both State and non-State, in situations of international or non-international armed conflict.					
2.8 Identify the mandates and roles of peacekeeping and political missions in crisis response.					
Domain 3: Key Mechanisms and Processes					____%
3.1 Identify essential components, roles, and responsibilities of the UN-led humanitarian coordination mechanisms.					
3.2 Identify essential components, roles, and responsibilities of the main examples and types of NGO and Red Cross/Red Crescent networks and coordination mechanisms.					
3.3 Identify essential components of, and tools related to, the Humanitarian Programming Cycle.					
3.4 Identify key standards and codes for humanitarian action and their scope.					
3.5 Recognize the main international legal frameworks that apply to humanitarian action in situations of armed conflict and in other crisis situations.					
3.6 Identify the mandates of key intergovernmental decision-making bodies as they relate to humanitarian contexts.					
3.7 Identify the primary IT tools and platforms for humanitarian information management and coordination and their scope and purpose.					
Domain 4: The Shaping Environment					____%
4.1 Identify key enduring and emerging examples of political and related pressures and why they require consideration by humanitarian actors.					
4.2 Recognize the reasoning behind common contemporary criticisms of humanitarian action and actors.					

Comparing your results with the Diagnostic Test

This Self-Assessment exercise is particularly valuable when followed by the Diagnostic Test, as the Diagnostic then provides an objective check on your own perceptions of your starting point.

1. After completing the Self-Assessment above, go to the Diagnostic Test at <https://diagnostics.phap.org/s3/uhe>
2. When sitting for the Diagnostic Test, make sure you have a calm environment and enough time to complete it. It consists of 50 multiple-choice questions, which you have 75 minutes to complete.
3. After completing the Diagnostic Test, you will receive a customized report of your results in your email inbox. Transpose the domain results and mark your priority statements from the Diagnostic Test report in the designated space in your Self-Assessment form above.



4. Compare your Self-Assessment results with your Diagnostic Test results and consider where to prioritize your preparation time for the certification assessment.