



Here’s how the CAP Competency Assessment Program can help your laboratory meet CLIA and CAP accreditation requirements

With CAP accreditation requirements and CLIA regulations closely aligned, the CAP’s Competency Assessment Program offers a unique opportunity to assess and document both CAP accreditation requirements and CLIA competency assessment regulations, helping you to achieve laboratory excellence.

Element	CLIA	CAP Accreditation	Using the CAP’s Competency Assessment Program:	
			Out-of-the-Box	Make It Your Own
Direct observations of routine patient test performance, including patient preparation, if applicable, specimen handling, processing and testing	✓	✓	Use one of the more than 130 available instrument-specific observation checklists	Use the ChecklistBuilder tool to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify any of the 130 ready-made observation checklists to conform with your laboratory’s standard operating procedures (SOP) • Create all-new, custom checklists for additional instruments or for manual tests and procedures
Monitoring the recording and reporting of test results	✓	✓		Use ChecklistBuilder to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add custom tasks to any of the checklists provided in the program. • Create new custom checklists to document the recording and reporting of test results.
				Use the Competency Profiles tool to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create “Other Activity” line items in the competency profile.
Review of intermediate test results or worksheets, quality control records, proficiency testing results, and preventive maintenance records	✓	✓		Use ChecklistBuilder to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create custom checklists to document the review of records, worksheets, and intermediate test results.
				Use the Competency Profiles tool to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create “Other Activity” line items
Direct observations of performance of instrument maintenance and function checks	✓	✓	Use one of the more than 130 instrument-specific observation checklists	Use ChecklistBuilder to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify any of the built-in observation checklists for use with your laboratory’s specific instruments and SOPs • Create custom checklists for other instruments
Assessment of test performance through testing previously analyzed specimens, internal blind testing samples, or external proficiency testing samples	✓	✓		Use ChecklistBuilder to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create custom checklists for your laboratory so you can easily document the assessment of test performance.
				Use the Competency Profiles tool to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create “Other Activity” line items
Assessment of problem-solving skills	✓	✓	Use CAP-provided assessment courses	Use ChecklistBuilder to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document your assessment of each team member’s problem-solving skills
				Use CourseBuilder to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify any of the built-in assessments to fit your laboratory’s SOPs • Create custom courses for areas in your laboratory that are not already covered by the assessments provided