FCCS instructor status is renewed every two years either by attendance at a course or participating in teaching at least one course every two years, maintenance of current SCCM membership, and maintenance of certification or special/added qualifications or practice in critical care.

Instructor Requirements:

1. **Physician instructor requirements in the United States:**
    a. Full SCCM membership
    b. Successful completion of the provider and instructor components of the FCCS course
    c. Specialty board certification/special/added qualifications or eligibility in critical care as applicable, **OR**
    d. 50% of clinical practice in critical care as supported by a letter from the medical or intensive care director, attached to the instructor application
    e. If these criteria are not met, physicians may attain associate instructor status after completing the provider and instructor components of the FCCS course

2. **Physician instructor requirements in the international community:**
    a. Completion of the provider and instructor components of the FCCS course
    b. Specialty board certification/special/added qualifications or eligibility in critical care as applicable, **OR**
    c. 50% of clinical practice in critical care as supported by a letter from the medical or intensive care director, attached to instructor application
    d. If these criteria are not met, physicians may attain associate instructor status after completing the provider and instructor components of the FCCS course

3. **Nurse instructor requirements in the United States:**
    a. Full SCCM membership
    b. Completion of the provider and instructor components of the FCCS course
    c. Critical care certification and a baccalaureate degree in nursing, **OR**
    d. Master's degree in advanced nursing practice with either critical care certification **OR**
    e. 50% of clinical practice in critical care as supported by a letter from the medical or intensive care director, attached to instructor application
    f. If these criteria are not met, nurses may attain associate instructor status after completing the provider and instructor components of the FCCS course

4. **Nurse instructor requirements in the international community (recommended):**
    a. Completion of the provider and instructor components of the FCCS course
    b. Critical care certification and a baccalaureate degree in nursing **OR**
    c. Master's degree in advanced nursing practice with either critical care certification **OR**
    d. Evidence of successful completion of a formal postgraduate critical care one- to two-year training program as supported by a letter from the medical or intensive care director, attached to instructor application
    e. If these criteria are not met, nurses may attain associate instructor status after completing the provider and instructor components of the FCCS course

5. **Physician assistant instructor requirements in the United States (only):**
    a. Full SCCM membership
    b. Completion of the provider and instructor components of the FCCS course
    c. A baccalaureate degree with critical care training **OR**
    d. Master's degree with either critical care training **OR**
    e. 50% of clinical practice in critical care as supported by a letter from the medical or intensive care director, attached to instructor application
    f. If these criteria are not met, physician assistants may attain associate instructor status after completing the provider and instructor components of the FCCS course