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AAHAM and BridgeFront Partner to offer CPAT Preparatory Online Education

BridgeFront, a healthcare education firm, announces it has partnered with the American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management ([AAHAM](#)), to offer customized preparatory online education for the association's Certified Patient Account Technician (CPAT) designation – available now.

Portland, OR (March 30, 2009) – BridgeFront and the American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM) announce they've partnered to offer a custom [Certified Patient Account Technician \(CPAT\) preparatory online education package](#) – available now. BridgeFront's online courses will enhance the candidate's educational resources and augment the certification's accessibility.

"Our highest priority is to offer consistent, quality preparatory instruction for those wishing to sit for the CPAT," said Laurie Shoaf, CPAM, President of AAHAM. "We are excited about this new partnership with BridgeFront, which will extend our educational offerings related to the CPAT exam, as well as expand our educational options to maintain certification."

[BridgeFront's online courses](#) are accessed via the Internet and available 24/7 – so learners can complete the training when their busy schedules allow. Course features include skill building activities, newly enhanced chapter review questions, post-tests, certificates of completion and a virtual notes tool.

"As a current and satisfied BridgeFront client, I am very excited to learn that AAHAM has partnered with BridgeFront to offer their services and products for CPAT certification," said Christine Fontaine, CPAM, Shore Health. "As the Director of Revenue Cycle Operations that promotes CPAT within our organization, I understand the difficulties in developing staff training. I anticipate this package will simplify the process and that more of our staff will become certified. And, as the current Maryland AAHAM Chapter President, I know our members will be thrilled about this training opportunity."

Online courses extend an organization's training resources and accommodate various learning styles. According to the journal of [Health Management Technology](#), the healthcare industry can gain more from online learning than other industry due to the fast-paced changing regulations and ongoing education requirements for clinical and administrative staff.

"We recognize the significance of the performance of our front line associates and the impact they have on our Revenue Cycle," said Sandi Green, System Director of Patient Access, CHRISTUS Health. "We have designed and implemented a complete program to improve the competencies of our staff, and offer career growth through professional development."

"The key elements of our 'Excellence at the Front-End' program are education and career development through certification," says Green. "BridgeFront's revenue cycle online education program supports these program goals by delivering exceptional skill building eLearning

courses. We value the support BridgeFront has given us to make this program a success for our organization.”

AAHAM developed the [Certified Patient Account Technician \(CPAT\) examination](#) to test the proficiency of employees involved in the revenue cycle and to prepare them for the many changes to come. Successful completion of the exam indicates to a prospective or current employer that an individual has mastered the common body of technical knowledge required of an employee in the patient accounts department.

“Partnering with a progressive association like AAHAM is an important component of our overall strategy to help raise the competency level of all revenue cycle professionals through education and certification,” says Peter Cizik, CEO of BridgeFront. “The CPAT preparatory education package will provide an opportunity to accelerate the number of individuals sitting for the certification – thus raising the overall competency of both existing staff and new hires.”

BridgeFront’s CPAT preparatory online education package is available now. [Click here for more information](#), send an email to info@bridgefront.com or call (866) 447-2211.

About BridgeFront:

Headquartered in Portland, Oregon, BridgeFront helps healthcare organizations simplify and strengthen their staff education with a suite of targeted skill and competency building products, augmented by learning services, for a creative blended learning experience. BridgeFront is redefining healthcare education for thousands of healthcare providers around the world. For more information, visit www.BridgeFront.com.

About AAHAM:

The American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM) is the preeminent professional organization for revenue cycle professionals, and known for its prestigious certification and educational programs. AAHAM is a national professional association of thirty-nine chapters and over 2600 healthcare patient financial services professionals throughout the country and with international chapters. For more information, visit <http://www.AAHAM.org>.

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