

National Certification Council for Activity Professionals

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From the CEO:



Dear NCCAP Professionals,

As we approach the final quarter of 2019, many of you will be attending your state and regional conferences. Please share the exciting developments that continue at NCCAP with your colleagues and encourage them to learn more!

I am pleased to share a recent success from our work with the Advancing Excellence in Long-Term Care Collaborative (AELTCC). A DC-based association of Long-Term Care organizations, AELTCC recently submitted formal guidance to CMS on Value Based Payment. Based on inputs from the

NCCAP Board, specific reference was made to including “person-centered activities” for the first time ever. NCCAP continues to elevate the role of activities in quality of life across the continuum of care!

Also, October 1 is the date our new Activity Professional Apprentice Certified (APAC). This new certification establishes a career path toward Activity Director for younger people. We look forward to

collaborating with our State Activity Professional Associations to introduce this to the potential workforce in high schools, vocational and technical schools.

Wishing you all continued success in advancing person-centered care!

With Kind Regards,

Peter Illig, CEO & General Counsel



NCCAP has a New Testing Company of October 1st, NCCAP will be utilizing **Prometric**, a new third-party testing company for the NCCAP National exam.

Those who have been issued a code to take the exam through the current test company Comira, **must use that code prior to September 30th, 2019.**

If you have not taken the exam by that date, you will need to contact NCCAP for information about the new testing process and receive a new code for the new company.

Prometric has more testing sites available which will make it easier for test candidates to access the exam. The exam itself is not changing but the process to apply and take the exam is being revised.

This does not affect anyone who has already taken the exam, nor does this change the qualifying standards to become eligible for the exam. If you have any questions, please contact NCCAP at info@nccap.org

Activity Professional Apprentice Certified: Developing the Future Workforce in Activities



October 1, 2019 marks a historic day in the Activity Profession with the launch of NCCAP's new "Activity Professional Apprentice Certification" (APAC).

APAC is designed as an entry-level step into the domain of person-centered care for young people entering the workforce out of high school, or at the trade, technical and vocational school levels.

APAC is a professional pathway to support individuals who have completed all requirements for Activity Professional Certified (APC) except they do not yet have sufficient hours of documented work

experience. It is not promoted as meeting the requirements to be an Activity Director. Rather, it is the beginning of the career path to become an Activity Director.

The qualifying components of APAC are: High School diploma, GED or higher; Certificate of Completion for MEPAP 1; and 20 CE hours within the past 5 years.

In order to Level Change from APAC to APC, you must submit documented work experience of 4,000 hours, or 2,000 hours if possessing 6 college credits or more. Volunteer as well as formal employment can be used. Level Change to APC must occur within 6 years or less of initial APAC. There is no Level Change Fee to obtain APC.

Email any questions or requests for clarifications to: mepap@nccap.org.

Activity Director Certified Provisional (ADCP) Ends September 30, 2019...

In an effort to comply with State and Federal survey requirements for qualification as an Activity Professional, NCCAP will no longer offer ADCP as of October 1, 2019.

While the last day to obtain ADCP is September 30, 2019, **everyone who has already obtained ADCP by this date can continue to work under the old requirements**. Specifically, this means that it must be renewed every 2 years and you have up to a total of 6 years to complete all requirements for ADC. This means you need to take the National Exam by the end of 6 years.

Please review the requirements for ADCP certification in our [NCCAP Standards](#) on the NCCAP website.

September is Healthy Aging Month!



Healthy Aging Month is an annual observance month designed to focus national attention on the positive aspects of growing older.

The mission of Healthy Aging Month is to encourage local level Healthy Aging events that promote taking personal responsibility for one's health...be it physically, socially, mentally or financially.

Renewing Your NCCAP Certification...



Want to learn more on how to renew? Check out the ['How to Renew Your Certification'](#) Video on the NCCAP YouTube Channel.

It's important to make sure that your correct email is on file so that you receive an email link beginning 4 months prior to your certification expiration date. If you don't receive this email, please contact the NCCAP office to update your email. You will then be able to renew through the link sent to you from NCCAP via email.

NCCAP is now following an audit process for continuing education.

You will not need to upload your certificates of proof of continuing education clock hours to your online profile on the NCCAP website or mail to the office. If you are chosen for an audit, you will be sent an email within days of your renewal submission and at that time you will be instructed on how to send in your certificates.

When your application for re-certification has been reviewed and approved you will receive your NCCAP certificate as a PDF via email. Contact the office if you wish to have a hard copy of your certificate for a nominal fee at info@nccap.org

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The National Center for Montessori and Aging is NCCAP's new home for national advocacy, research and training.

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