

# Enriching Lives Through Person Centered Engagement



NATIONAL CERTIFICATION COUNCIL FOR ACTIVITY PROFESSIONALS

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## **From the CEO:**

As we enter the final quarter of 2020, many of us are already reflecting on how different the approaching holidays will be for us and our residents.

Adaptations are needed for fun and meaningful activities like trick-or-treating, holiday meals and gatherings, and sing-alongs. Visits with families and friends remain a major challenge given strict infection controls.

At the same time, NCCAP is excited about recent updates we have made to our Certification Standards.

Under the guidance of external experts in credentialing, we have removed the requirement of Continuing Education clock hours when first applying for any initial certification. Importantly, CEs remain an important requirement for all renewals as the way to ensure you possess the latest regulatory and best practices knowledge for the delivery of life-enriching activities and person-centered care. The one exception is that CEs remain a requirement for ADC Track 4 and 5.

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This opens an exciting pathway to certification for all those who have taken either MEPAP 1 for Activity Professional Certified (APC) or MEPAP 2 for Activity Director Certified (ADC). If you possess a Certificate of Completion for either MEPAP and have the required work experience and education, apply today.

For those just starting out, we encourage you to apply for Activity Professional Apprentice Certification (APAC) which converts to APC at no cost to you after you obtain the required work experience.

Check out our [Certification Standards](#).

Sincerely,

Peter Illig, NCCAP CEO

## Certification Standards Updates Effective October 1st, 2020



NCCAP is excited to announce enhancements that strengthen the quality of our Certification Standards!

### **Continuing Education (CE) Clock Hours Are No Longer Required For Initial Certification\***

Consistent with national Best Practices for credentialing standards, NCCAP no longer requires CE hours for initial certification.

***Importantly, CEs remain an essential requirement for all certification renewals.***

NCCAP's independent *Clinical and Curriculum Advisory Board* of experts in long-term care validated that the knowledge and skills required to meet the Professional Standards of Practice established by our Professional Association NAAP are obtained by taking the required curriculum for certification.

For Activity Professional Apprentice, Activity Professional, Activity Director\* and Activity Consultant Certifications, the *Modular Education Program for Activity Professionals* (MEPAP) is the required curriculum for NCCAP Certification. Further, only

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NCCAP Certification meets the NAAP Professional Standards of Practice to be an Activity Professional.

If you are applying for the first time, CEs are no longer required to apply for NCCAP Certification. If you completed the MEPAP, have a High School diploma or GED, and meet required hours of work experience, apply online today!

For more details and to apply, see our [NCCAP Certification Standards](#).

(\*ADC Track 4 and 5 require CEs)

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## NZSDRT Free Webinars

New Zealand Society of Diversional and Recreational Therapists are excited to offer FREE educational webinars in October to its members, along with NAAP members and NCCAP certified Activity Professionals.



What is Carepatron? By CEO Jamie Frew-Saturday 17th October- 11:00 AM

12 Steps to Sober Leisure by CTRS Abigail Bernard-Monday 19th October- 6:00 PM

'How to get the same feeling as a holiday in Fiji everyday' By Jacqui Oconnor- Heart Place Founder-Thursday 29th October- 6:00 PM

Please note webinars take place at New Zealand Standard Time. You will receive a certificate of attendance but must RSVP by emailing: [vicepresident@diversionaltherapy.net.nz](mailto:vicepresident@diversionaltherapy.net.nz)

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## NCCAP is a proud sponsor for NADSA's virtual conference this year!



Please visit their site for educational offerings.

<https://www.nadsa.org/conference/>

NCCAP will have a virtual booth to provide resources to Activity Professionals and answer questions on the field and certification throughout the day! Please join us!

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## Renewing Your NCCAP Certification...

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

It's important to make sure that your correct email is on file so that you receive an email link beginning 4 months before 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](mailto:info@nccap.org)



NAAP is excited to be back with professionals from around the globe! The 2021 conference brochure & registration will be open this fall at [naap.info](http://naap.info). What type of education should you expect in 2021?

- Memory Care/Programming
- Leadership/Management
- MEPAP Instructor Education
- Share/Panel Discussions
- Regulation and Compliance
- Cultural Diversity

### **Save the Date!**

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NAAP will be holding it's 39th Annual Conference at the Crown Plaza in Bloomington, Minnesota located directly across from the Minneapolis International Airport on April 20-23, 2021. Watch for upcoming details...

## Support Our Professional Association...

NAAP provides education, resources, and a voice in unison with NCCAP! NAAP membership is \$75 USD/year. Membership runs from the anniversary date for one year. Check out the membership form [here](#).



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