
NCCAP Newsletter March 2022



From the CEO



Our living and work environment continues to be dominated by the COVID pandemic. Recently, USA Today featured an [article](#) by Dr. David Gifford, Chief Medical Officer at the American Health Care Association. I have had many conversations with Dr. Gifford as we both serve on the Board of the Advancing Excellence in Long-Term Care Collaborative. He is fully aware of the burdens the pandemic has placed upon nursing homes. Importantly, he strongly defends the efforts of our front-line heroes, including Activity Professionals.

In Dr. Gifford's opinion editorial of March 16, he emphasized grading nursing homes based on deaths is disrespectful to the caregivers who put their lives on the line to serve others. Further, he points out the need for a collective effort to focus on meaningful solutions as reflected in the [Care For Our Seniors Act](#) promoted by the American Health Care Association and Leading Age.

This high-level focus points to the fact that Activity Professionals are essential providers of care. NCCAP have received many calls, emails and letters from Nursing Home Administrators, owners and operators expressing gratitude for our Activity Professionals who helped to ensure quality of life during times of extreme isolation. These communications demonstrate that NCCAP continues to provide the highest level of knowledge and skills to ensure physical, mental and psychosocial well-being.

With appreciation for all you do in the service of others.

Sincerely,



Peter Illig

NAAP 40th Annual Conference!

Registration is still open for NAAP's 40th Annual Conference at the Crowne Plaza in Bloomington, Minnesota located across from the Minneapolis Int'l Airport in Bloomington, Minnesota on April 5-8, 2022! Over 18 hours of continuing education is being offered along with a Celebration night in red at their Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 7th at 6pm. Go to NAAP.info for more details!



Pioneer Network's "Listen, Learn, Explore"

Starting with the podcast, listeners will have an opportunity to hear unique insights on a variety of topics from thought leaders in the field of resident-directed care. Following the podcast, Pioneer Network invites listeners to register for an interactive program where they will have the opportunity to join others in a deeper, live conversation with the podcast guest speaker. We welcome you to connect to the podcast [here](#).



As Activity Professionals, we know how hard you work to promote quality of life. Among your many responsibilities are managing volunteers. As a strong advocate for volunteers, Paul P. Falkowski, Ph.D. of Voluncheerleader.com wants to help you with that. He has assembled a talented group to help create the National Association of Nursing Home Volunteers (NANHV). The purpose of the NANHV would be to provide meaningful support to you as managers of volunteers and support your volunteers by creating resources, training modules, opportunities to share ideas and experiences, and supports specific to your needs. Volun-Cheer-Leader would like to hear your ideas! What would be helpful for you in managing your volunteers? What sort of training would be helpful? Please take 10 minutes to share your ideas. Your responses are confidential and voluntary. Address your questions and comments to Paul@VolunCheerLeader.com

National Exam...

When applying to take the national exam through NCCAP, the name you submit to NCCAP needs to match the name on your legal



identification. When you go to the testing center or take the test remotely, the proctor will ask to see your legal identification such as a driver's license or passport. The name on this ID must match the name provided to Prometric by NCCAP.

All test applicants must have the following documents when taking the national exam, in person or remotely:

- Current ID (drivers license or passport) which has your legal name as has been submitted to the testing company.
- Printed copy of the approval letter which was e-mailed to candidate from Prometric. A copy on your phone will not be accepted.

All exam candidates receive a detailed “Do's and Don'ts” list with important details on how to successfully take the remote exam. Candidates also receive detailed instructions from the test company Prometric that must be followed when taking the exam remotely.

If any of the required conditions for remote testing are not met, the exam cannot be completed. When this happens, the testing company charges you to reschedule and you must pay another test fee.

REMEMBER:

- Do not take the exam at work!
- Even if you use your personal computer, your Internet at work has security features that don't work with the testing company system. Your work has firewalls and security features that prevent the exam from being taken regardless of what computer you use.
- Even if you seek support from your technical department at work, the testing company system will still not work.
- If you still try to take the exam at work, have technical difficulties, and seek support from the testing company, these technical difficulties will not be resolved.
- Again, do not take the exam at work!

PLEASE NOTE:

Your operating system must meet the requirements listed below. Before the test you are supposed to run a pre-scan to see if your computer will work.

Operating System

Windows 8.1 or higher | MacOS 10.13 or higher (*note iPad/Android tablets are not currently supported. Microsoft Surface or similar can be used only when configured in laptop mode).

All Prometric testing centers are now open. Consider taking the National ADC Exam at a testing center to minimize the challenges of the remote exam. Please contact us with any questions: info@nccap.org.



Engagement Certification

NCCAP's Memory Care Validation Certification Course is now available! Enroll now by going to <https://www.nccapacademy.org/validationmemorycare>

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NCCAP Certification



In 1986 the National Association of Activity Professionals (NAAP) created NCCAP as the official credential of the Activity Profession. Based on CMS F658, NAAP establishes Professional Standards of Practice and requiring the Modular Education Program for Activity Professionals (MEPAP) for NCCAP Certification. For over 30 years, NCCAP Certification has been the Gold Standard for life-enriching activities. NCCAP is the only certification that meets the credentialing standards of ICE and NCCA. NCCAP offers the following Professional Certifications to meet Federal and State requirements:

1. ACTIVITY PROFESSIONAL CERTIFIED (APC)

APC ensures individuals who meet NCCAP standards have the knowledge and experience to work in long-term care and enhance quality of life through activities and engagement. The required curriculum is MEPAP-1 APC and must be renewed every 2 years with 20 CE hours.

2. ACTIVITY DIRECTOR CERTIFIED (ADC)

ADC is the NCCAP standard that ensures the competency to lead and direct an activities and life enrichment team and program. ADC requirements vary depending on education and work experience. The required curriculum is both MEPAP 1-APC and MEPAP 2-ADC, and an independently-administered National Exam. ADC must be renewed every 2 years with 30 CE hours.

3. PROFESSIONAL EQUIVALENCY AND EXPERIENTIAL TRACK FOR ADC

NCCAP offers a path to ADC for Allied Professionals who possess current AT-BC, MT-BC, COTA, CTRS, or OTR and is awarded based on passing the National Exam. Additionally, individuals with at least 10 years of experience in Activities and with at least 5 years currently in a management role can apply for ADC our Experiential Track that requires essay writing and the National Exam.

4. ACTIVITY CONSULTANT CERTIFIED (ACC)

Individuals who possess current ADC or related experience may obtain ACC to meet NCCAP standards to provide consulting services to an activity program, staff or department. ACC requirements vary depending on education, work experience, and passing the National Exam. ACC must be renewed every 2 years with 40 CE hours.

5. ENGAGEMENT CERTIFICATIONS

NCCAP offers a variety of shorter curriculums for certification in specific age-related settings and diagnoses:

Person-Centered Engagement (PCE)

Validation® Memory Care (VMC)

Adult Day Engagement (ADE) – coming soon

Assisted Living Engagement (ALE) – coming soon

PITCH YOUR BEST

Are you an activity or recreation professional with an **innovative programming idea?**

Apply to pitch your concept to a panel of activity and recreation leaders, and the audience, for a chance to WIN a...

**StrongerU Instructor Course Enrollment
& \$100 Amazon Gift Card**

Visit the strongeruseriorfitness.com/pitch-your-best to apply by April 15th



How to Renew your NCCAP Certification

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.

Please Note: When submitting CEs for renewal they must be within the 2 years of expiration date. For example, if expired on 12/1/2021, the CEs must be between 12/2019-12/2021.

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

Support our Professional Association, NAAP is Seeking Qualified Speakers

NAAP provides education, resources, and a voice in unison with NCCAP! NAAP annual membership is \$75 USD/year.

Do you have leadership and expertise in a topic that you would like to share with a targeted, interested audience to gain visibility and expand your network? NAAP is seeking online webinar speakers to provide quality education for Activity Professionals. For questions or to learn more contact: office@naap.info

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