

## Newsletter May 2026 Issue Special Edition

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At NCCAP, we remain committed to advancing excellence in aging services through education, certification, and advocacy. Each month, we celebrate the professionals, organizations, and innovations that strengthen person-centered care and improve quality of life for older adults and vulnerable populations.

In this edition, we are highlighting professional development opportunities, organizational updates, and ways our community continues to lead with compassion, creativity, and purpose.

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**Message from NCCAP President, Debbie Hommel, ACC/MC/EDU, CTRS**

I recently returned from the National Association of Activity Professionals (NAAP) Annual Conference, Beyond the Ordinary, held in Chicago, Illinois—and what an inspiring experience it was! More than 300 activity professionals gathered to explore the latest interventions and techniques, connect with vendors offering cutting-edge resources, and celebrate the meaningful work we do every day.

It was a pleasure to meet so many of you at the NCCAP table in the vendor area. I especially enjoyed hearing about your facilities and the innovative programs you're implementing to enhance quality of life for those you serve.

During the conference, NCCAP had the privilege of recognizing our outgoing approved MEPAP instructors with awards honoring their years of dedication and significant contributions to the profession. Their impact has been far-reaching and we are deeply grateful for their service.

I was also honored to accept, on behalf of NCCAP, the Business Affiliate Award presented at the conference banquet. This recognition reflects the strong partnership between NCCAP and NAAP and our shared commitment to advancing activity professionals nationwide.

Overall, the conference was both memorable and professionally enriching—an opportunity to learn, connect, and celebrate the passion that drives our field.

Be sure to mark your calendar for next year's NAAP Annual Conference, which will be held in Minnesota, April 12-14, 2027. We hope to see you there!

Each month we will list the top 5 states with the most NCCAP certificate professionals. Please join us in recognizing these states!

**Top 5 states with NCCAP Certified Professionals**

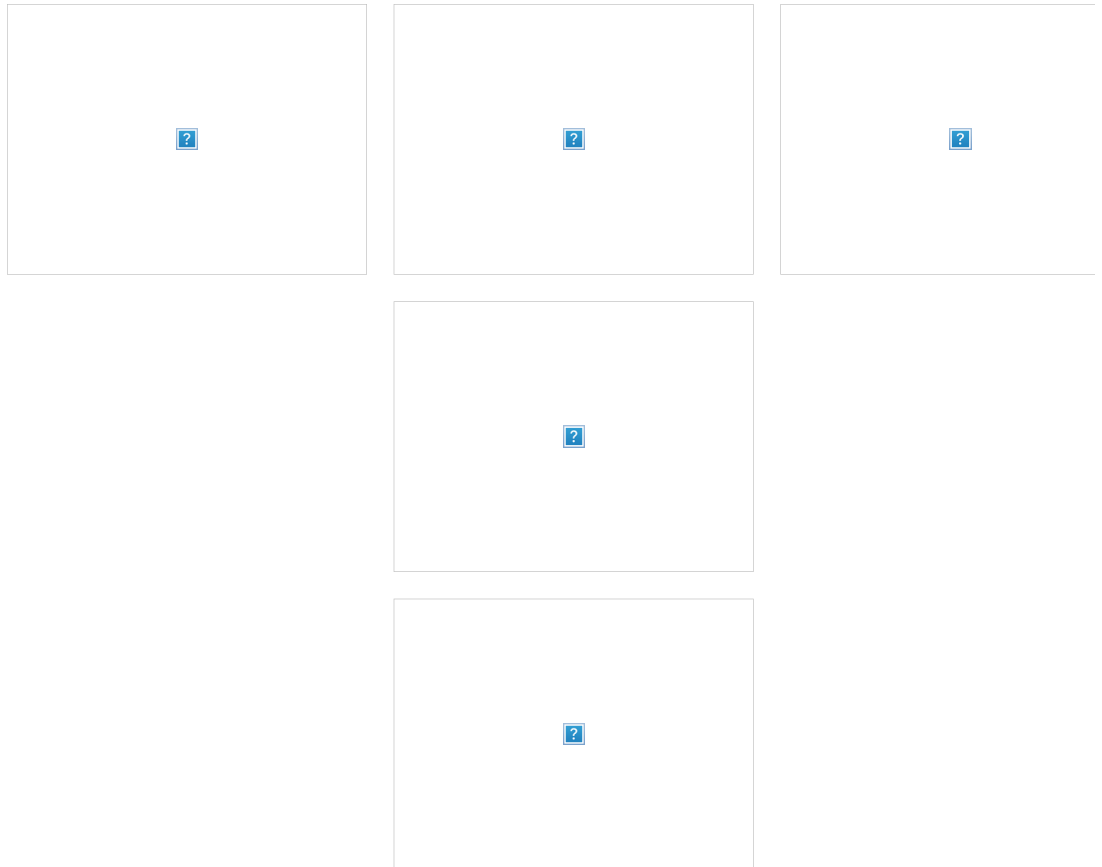
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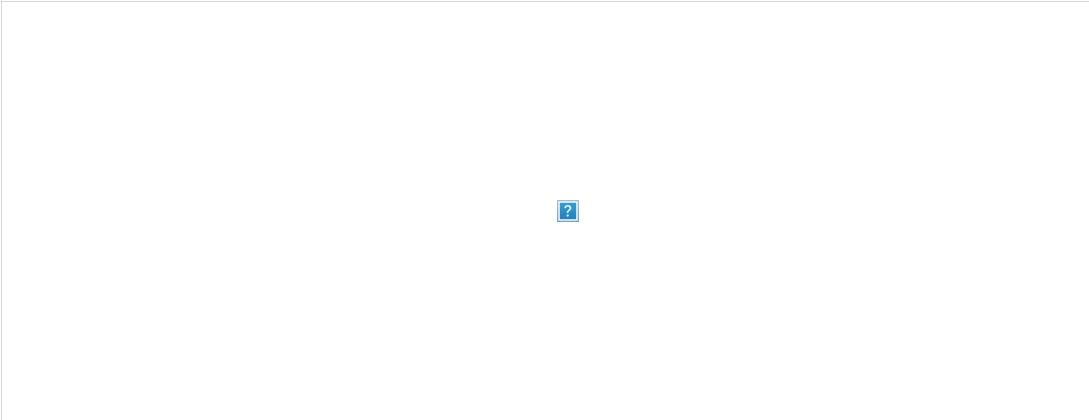
Thank you for your continued dedication and for being an essential part of the NCCAP community. The future is bright and we're building it together.

Debbie Hommel, ACC/MC/EDU, CTRS  
NCCAP President

**PHOTOS FROM THE 2026 NAAP CONFERENCE**

*NCCAP President, Debbie Hommel, attends NAAP conference and honors MEPAP Instructors. NCCAP also received a Business Affiliate Award from NAAP!*





**NCCAP, NAAP, and AHCA/NCAL Announce Strategic Partnership to Advance Activity and Life Enrichment Professional Education**

The National Certification Council for Activity Professionals (NCCAP), the National Association of Activity Professionals (NAAP), and American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) are proud to announce an exciting new partnership designed to strengthen professional education and certification opportunities for activity and life enrichment professionals across long-term care and assisted living settings.

Through this collaboration, AHCA/NCAL members now have access to exclusive savings on two nationally recognized training and certification programs:

- NCCAP's Activity Director Certified (ADC) Certification Program
- NAAP's Assisted Living Enrichment Certification (ALEC) Course

Together, these programs provide a comprehensive pathway for professionals seeking to enhance their leadership, regulatory knowledge, and person-centered care skills while advancing their careers in senior living and healthcare environments.

**Advancing Excellence in Nursing Facility Activity Leadership**

NCCAP's ADC Certification program is designed to meet the professional standards of practice required to lead, manage, and direct activities and life enrichment departments in nursing facilities while evaluating program effectiveness. The program also helps facilities meet CMS F680 requirements for nursing facility activity professional qualifications.

**Expanding Professional Development in Assisted Living**

The partnership also highlights NAAP's premier Assisted Living Enrichment Certification (ALEC) Course, developed to equip assisted living activity and life enrichment professionals with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in today's evolving care environments.

**A Shared Commitment to Quality of Life**

This partnership reflects a shared commitment by NCCAP, NAAP, and AHCA/NCAL to elevate the standards of activity and life enrichment services throughout senior care communities. By making nationally recognized education and certification programs more accessible and affordable, the organizations aim to support professionals who play a critical role in enhancing resident engagement, dignity, and quality of life.

Whether serving in skilled nursing facilities or assisted living communities, activity and life enrichment professionals now have expanded opportunities to gain the credentials, education, and support needed to thrive in the field and deliver exceptional person-centered care.



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