

**ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH PERSON CENTERED ENGAGEMENT**  
National Certification Council for Activity Professionals



From the CEO

Dear Activity Professionals,

In reviewing this month's McKnights Long-Term Care News, many of the ongoing challenges faced by Activity Professionals were highlighted. From inflation, staff shortages and the lingering impacts of the COVID pandemic, to calls for mandatory staffing ratios for nurses. Within this clash of priorities, Activity Professionals remain mandated to deliver personalized care to advance physical, mental and psychosocial well-being. This is the steadfast role of the Activity Professional, and serving others is what motivates most of us to stay in our job.

Interestingly, McKnights featured a new bill in Congress that requires nursing homes to report the credentials and background of their medical directors. It's surprising this is not yet required for medical directors. From the start, NCCAP Certification was designed to meet the highest regulatory and reporting requirements. This is just another example of why NCCAP Certified Activity Professionals remain the highest standard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Illig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

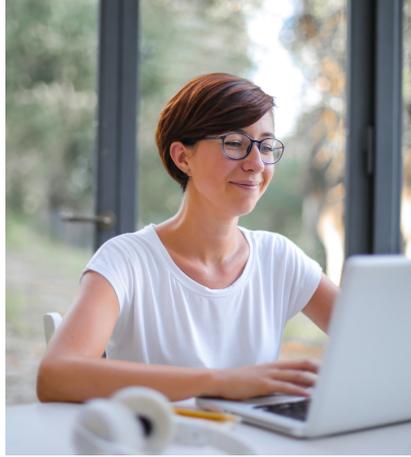
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### **PAPA & MNSWAP Conferences**

NCCAP has been busy this fall representing at the Pennsylvania Association for Activity Professionals (PAPA) and at the Minnesota Statewide Activity Professionals (MNSWAP) Conferences. Linda Redhead, NCCAP President, presented 'Measuring & Communicating the Value of Activities' in State College, Pennsylvania.

Kara Reiser, NCCAP's Vice President represented at the MNSWAP Conference in St. Cloud, Minnesota and was joined by NAAP's VP Colleen Knudson and Financial Director Cindy Tewart!





## National Certification Exam Update

NCCAP has transferred the national certification exam to a new testing company called Proctor Free. With the advancement of virtual proctors, NCCAP is choosing a company that is streamlining the testing process. If you have already taken the national certification exam, this does not affect you. Anyone who has applied to take the exam and is waiting for an invitation, you will hear from the NCCAP office soon. All tests can be administered in the privacy of your home and test candidates will no longer have to go to a testing center. We've added an easy-to-use link on the NCCAP.org [home page](#) to register for the exam. If you have any questions, please email [bryan.rife@nccap.org](mailto:bryan.rife@nccap.org).



## 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](#).



## 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 and 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.



## 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 12/1/2022, the CEs must be between 12/2020-12/2022.**

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)

## 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

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