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From the CEO:

We all recently celebrated the richness of the Activity Profession during Activities Professionals Week. It is during NAP Week that the spotlight shines brightly on the Social Model Care. There is much to celebrate as the important role of activities is increasingly recognized. In particular, the benefits of person-centered care are being valued across long-term care settings.

The critical role of activities in optimizing physical and cognitive function continues to point to positive outcomes for healthy aging, quality of life, and the bottom line. And, NCCAP Certification continues to be the credential most recognized for ensuring the competencies to deliver person-centered care.

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In 2020 NCCAP is launching several initiatives to expand our reach and advance the Activity Profession. One example is our collaboration with the Validation Training Institute in developing the new Certification: *Memory Care: Validation for Activity Professionals*. Integrating the pioneering Validation work of Naomi Feil, NCCAP and VTI have jointly created an inspiring curriculum that tailors Validation to the life enrichment and activity sector.

Together with our Professional Association NAAP, NCCAP remains committed to ensuring our Certified Activity Professionals remain the leaders in providing the highest quality resident-directed, person-centered care.

Sincerely,

Peter Illig, NCCAP CEO

Retired Status Change

We would like to let you all know about a change in the "Retired Status" certificate that NCCAP has been offering for Activity Professionals who no longer work in our profession.

Due to some confusion over the use of the certificate, starting February 1, 2020, we are changing "Retired Status" to a "Recognition of Service" award.

We will be providing all those who participated in the "Retired Status" certificate to date with a free "Recognition of Service" award.



Going forward, any Activity Professional who is retiring from our profession will receive the complementary honor of a "Recognition of Service" award from NCCAP.

The Nation Goes Red in February



National Wear Red Day® – Friday, February 7, 2020

On the first Friday of every February, which is designated as **American Heart Month**, the nation comes together, igniting a wave of red from coast to coast. From landmarks to news anchors and neighborhoods to online communities; this annual groundswell unites millions of people for a common goal: the eradication of heart disease and stroke.

American Heart Month, a federally designated event, is an ideal time to remind Americans to focus on their hearts and encourage them to get their families, friends, and communities involved.

- The first American Heart Month, which took place in February 1964, was proclaimed by President Lyndon B. Johnson via [Proclamation 3566](#) on December 30, 1963.
- The Congress, by joint resolution on that date, has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating February as American Heart Month.
- While American Heart Month is a federally designated month in the United States, it's important to realize that cardiovascular disease knows no borders.

National Exam Prep Book

This book has been prepared by NAAP and NCCAP to assist individuals in preparing for the National NCCAP Exam so that they may advance their careers.

This book is also beneficial to those with years of experience and certification. It is a great review guide for you and your staff. Give everyone a “pop quiz” to see that everyone is still on top of their game with rules, regulations, etc. The questions in this



NATIONAL EXAM PREP BOOK

2019



book will help you focus on the key areas of knowledge you are required to know as an Activity Professional.

The education committee that prepared this wealth of information has made it comprehensive and easy to use. We hope that you will find it useful and informative in your career. Order this book at

www.naap.info

Renewing 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.

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. Please make sure you add our email to your contacts so our emails do not get blocked as spam.

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Activity Professional Apprenticeship Certification: 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 Apprenticeship 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.

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.

 **Apply for the Activity Professional Certification Today!**

ACTIVITY PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

ACTIVITY EXPERIENCE

CONTINUING EDUCATION

REQUIRED CURRICULUM

TRACK 1

High School Diploma/GED
plus 6 college credits,
including English
Writing/Composition

2000 hours within the
past 5 years

20 clock hours from NCCAP
Body of Knowledge within
past 5 years

MEPAP Part I:
Core Content I-II

TRACK 2

High School Diploma/GED

4000 hours within the
past 5 years

20 clock hours from NCCAP
Body of Knowledge within
past 5 years

MEPAP Part I:
Core Content I-II

 **Save the Date!**

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Reno, Nevada

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