

## ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH PERSON CENTERED ENGAGEMENT

*National Certification Council for Activity Professionals*



### From the CEO

Record-breaking heatwaves, uncontrolled wildfires, and COVID variants are in the news each day. A battle is constantly waged in the media on the need and efficacy of vaccines. When will we get a break?

In the midst of these challenges, many care communities are reopening in a manner that keeps residents and staff safe. A key objective is to again offer life-enriching group activities. These social gatherings are essential to reconnect with peers, nurture friendships, and lift our spirits. We are social creatures by nature!

The isolation of the pandemic forced Activity Professionals to pivot in the delivery of life-enriching activities. Many stories were shared about innovative uses of technology and the reliance on 1:1 approaches. These positive actions demonstrate the resilience of the Activity Professional. At the same time, NCCAP continues to enhance our certification standards and curriculum to meet these new and ever changing challenges.

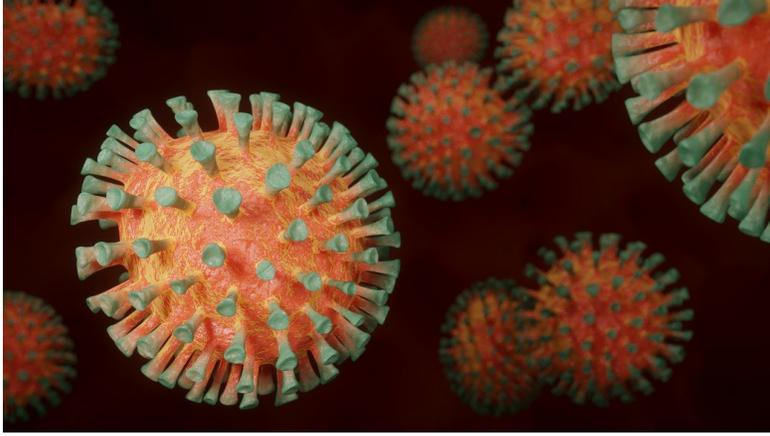
My wish is that we all get a break this summer to connect with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Peter Illig

### **NCCAP Support for AHCA/NCAL Policy Statement on COVID Vaccinations.**

Understanding the important role vaccines play in ensuring the health of all persons living and working in long-term care settings, NCCAP supports the Policy Statement of the American Health Care Association and National Center for



Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) on COVID vaccinations. Read the full statement [HERE](#).

Related, consistent with the recommendation to follow relevant CDC and OSHA infection control guidelines, NCCAP is continuing to integrate such guidance into our MEPAP curriculum.

## Pioneer Network's "Listen, Learn, Explore"

Pioneer Network has launched a new educational program, "Listen, Learn, Explore."

This wonderful new educational innovation pairs a recorded audio podcast with a virtual variation of a learning circle.

Starting with a 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 join us [here](#).



## Engagement Certifications

NCCAP's Memory Care Validation Certification Course is now available! Enroll now by going

to <https://www.nccapacademy.org/validationmemorycare>

There are also several classes scheduled for the Montessori Home Engagement Course. Get more information

at <https://www.nccapacademy.org/montessorihomeengagement>

Go to the new Facebook page "Engagement Powered by NCCAP" and check out the latest news regarding our courses for Engagement at <https://www.facebook.com/nccapengagement>

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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)  
Montessori Dementia Engagement (MDE)  
Montessori Home Engagement (MHE)  
Adult Day Engagement (ADE) – coming soon  
Assisted Living Engagement (ALE) – coming soon



# How to **RENEW YOUR CERTIFICATION**

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## 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.

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)

[How to Renew your NCCAP Certification](#)

## 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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