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From the CEO:



My dad turns 93 years old next month. Blessed with reasonably good health, he still lives independently in Florida. He continues to drive locally, socialize with his small circle of friends, and pursues his daily routines with vigor. It is very clear how important this independence is to him. His autonomy is essential to his quality of life and well-being.

In coordination with my other siblings, we are excited to bring him north for his birthday and Father's Day in June. We know we are fortunate to be able to celebrate these life events together. When we gather, we make it a point to ask my dad questions about stories he enjoys telling. These usually include idyllic moments from childhood such as playing along the Erie Canal in Western New York or his time in the US Army as an 18-year-old serving during the peaceful occupation of Italy.

I remain grateful to work with Activity Professionals. I have learned personally and professionally about the Social Model of Care. This has sensitized me to the importance of what really enhances the quality of life. And, how lucky to be able to apply these lessons within my own family!

With appreciation and respect for the service and care you provide as NCCAP

Activity Professionals,

Peter Illig, NCCAP CEO

NCCAP Board Changes

Thank you, Lori! Welcome, Linda!

The NCCAP Board is excited to announce that Linda Redhead, MS, ACC, EDU has been unanimously elected to complete the term of Vice President vacated by Lori Presser, ADC last month.

As the current term of VP runs until June 2021, we are asking for nominations for the position of VP. If you wish to nominate a person for the next 3-year term (June 2021-June 2024) of VP, please use this **LINK**.

The NCCAP Board wishes to acknowledge and thank Lori Presser for her excellent contributions and leadership during her time on the NCCAP Board.

LINK PAGE: **<https://forms.gle/5kcvubWf8qhf2F8D9>**

Qualifications: NCCAP Certified, in good standing, and a recognized leader in the Activity Profession. Position subject to review and approval by NCCAP Board to

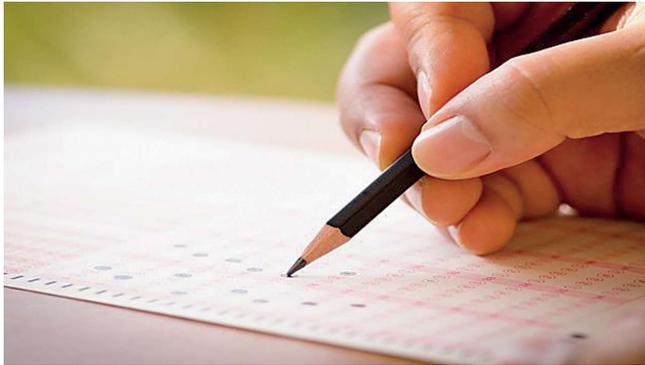
ensure individual meets required qualifications.

Requires the individual to be available for monthly calls of 2-3 hours. Missing more than 1 call qualifies for removal from a Board Position.

1. Your Name, Email, Certification Level, and Number.
2. Please tell us who you are proposing as a candidate for VP.
3. What experience and qualifications does this person have to be VP?
4. In your own words, please tell us why you believe this person will make a good VP.



Important Information on Remote Proctoring for the National Exam



Remote Proctoring remains a popular option for taking the National ADC Exam. 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!

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.

**Registration
is Open!**

Envisioning the Future



**Dementia Care
2021 and Beyond**

A VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM SURE TO INSPIRE AND ENGAGE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

Join Pioneer Network on Wednesday, June 16th, for the second in a four-part symposium series, *Envisioning the Future of Dementia Care 2021 and Beyond*. This virtual event is designed to provide valuable learning on the topic of Dementia Care. Held within a 6-hour window, there will be four general sessions followed by an opportunity to gather together with the general session speakers to ask questions, explore the topics, and further define our vision for the future. NCCAP CEs are included.

For more information go to <https://www.pioneernetwork.net/envisioning-the-future/>

NAAP Diversity Advancement Scholarship



NAAP
National Association of Activity Professionals

NAAP is committed to speaking out and taking action against systemic racism and the unjust barriers faced by People of Color seeking to enhance their professional development in the field of Activity Services. NAAP recognizes and honors differences and they are working diligently and compassionately to listen, learn and promote inclusion.

The NAAP Diversity Advancement Scholarship is designed to create interest and awareness of the field of Therapeutic Activity Services with people of color and other minorities by providing financial support for education in activity services, therapeutic recreation, geriatrics, and other related fields.

Applicants must be members of racial/ethnic groups that have been designated as qualifying groups which are provided in the detailed scholarship information.

Open enrollment is offered twice per year: January 1st- January 31st and June 1st- June 30th.

Scholarships range from \$100.00 to \$1000.00 for specific courses that will assist the professional with enhancing their career.

Apply at <https://naap.info/scholarships/>

**Consider donating to the NAAP Diversity Advancement Scholarship Fund today.*

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



NCCAPAcademy.org

NCCAP's **Memory Care Validation Certification Course** is now available!

Enroll now by going

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

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>

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 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

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](#).