



The National Association of Activity Professionals' Credentialing Center (NAAPCC) was formed in January of 2011 because of many requests from the members of the National Association of Activity Professionals (NAAP). After three years of research and much discussion it was decided to offer a Board Certification. NAAPCC is organized as an independent body exclusively for the purpose of credentialing Activity Professionals that meet the standards and requirements set forth by the Center. We are the only credentialing body for Activity Professionals that follow the standards set forth by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). We are proud members of the Institute of Credentialing Excellence (ICE).

We do not educate nor require any specific course or class. There are four components for gaining our credential: Education, Work Experience, Continuing Education and all Activity Professionals will need to successfully pass the competency exam to be issued a board certification. Another plus is that our Board Certification encompasses all levels of care.

As Activity Professionals, we understand that there is inconsistency in the United States about what requirements are needed to be considered an activity professional. Facilities use different terminology for the titles of the activity staff. States have different educational requirements. One piece of consistent information is that provided by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Federal Guideline F Tag 249 clearly defines what survey teams need to look for when completing their audits. The NAAPCC offers two credentials: Activity Professional – Board Certified and Activity Consultant/Educator – Board Certified. Both meet the F Tag 249 requirement.

Board Certification through NAAPCC is an investment in your career and your future. It indicates that you have met stringent criteria to complete certification. Oftentimes an administrator will choose a job candidate that is certified, over one that is not. Visit the NAAPCC web site [naapcc.net](http://naapcc.net), to read about your opportunity to become Board Certified. Take the practice exam and apply for the exam scholarship. Make 2017 your year to become Board Certified. We are always available to answer questions. Feel free to call (303) 317-5682 or email [naapcc.office@gmail.com](mailto:naapcc.office@gmail.com).

Activity Professionals are the glue in many facilities serving older adults. Thank you for all you do!