



National Association of Activity Professionals  
CREDENTIALING CENTER

## Credentialing Center Pathways Toward NAAP Certification

### Activity Professional-Board Certified (AP-BC)

#### Path 1:

**Education Component:** Bachelor degree or higher.

**Experience:** One year (2000 hours) experience working directly in activities within the past 3 years.

**Continuing Education:** 30 hours of CE credit from the accepted continuing education topic areas within 2 years prior to application.

**NAAP Exam:** Successful completion of the NAAP Credentialing Center Exam.

#### Path 2:

**Education Component:** Associate degree or a minimum of 60 college semester hours.

**Experience:** 2 years (4000 hours) of full time experience working directly in activities within 5 years prior to application.

**Continuing Education:** 40 hours CE from the accepted continuing education topic areas within 3 years prior to application.

**Exam:** Successful completion of the NAAP Credentialing Center exam.

#### Path 3:

**Education component:** 12 college semester credits.

**Experience:** 3 years (6000 hours) experience working directly in activities within 5 years prior to application.

**Continuing Education:** 50 hours of CE credit within 4 years prior to application.

**Exam:** Successful completion of the NAAP Credentialing Center exam.

#### Path 4:

**Education Component:** High School Diploma or Equivalent

**Experience:** 5 years experience (10,000) working directly in activities within 7 years prior to application.

**Continuing Education:** 60 CE credits within 6 years of application

**Exam:** Successful completion of the NAAP Credentialing Center Exam.

#### Path 5:

**Current Certification** from another body: **ADC or ACC**

**Exam:** Successful completion of the NAAP credentialing Center Exam

**OR**

**Current Certification** from another body: **CTRS, MT-BC, ATR-BC, COTA, OTR**

**Experience:** One year (2000 hours) experience working/consulting in activities with the elderly within the past 3 years.

**Exam:** Successful completion of the NAAP Credentialing Center Exam

Renewal for AP-BC shall be every 2 years and will require 30 hours of CE credit per the NAAP Credentialing Center Standards.

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## **Activity Consultant/Educator-Board Certified (AC-BC)**

Note, if seeking a level change from AP-BC to AC-BC you do not have to submit any required documentation previously submitted with your AP-BC credentialing application.

### **Path 1:**

**Education Component:** Bachelor degree or higher.

**Consulting /Educating Experience:** 200 hours consulting/education hours per the Standards within 5 years prior to application.

**Work Experience:** 3 years experience directing or managing an Activity Department within 5 years prior to application.

**Continuing Education:** 40 hours of CE credit within 5 years prior to application.

**Exam:** Successfully complete the NAAP Credentialing Center Exam.

### **Path 2:**

**Currently Certified as AP-BC**

(copy of certification or card must be provided).

**Consulting/Educating Experience:** 300 hours consulting/educating experience per the Standards within 5 years prior to application.

**Work Experience:** 5 years experience directing or managing an Activity Department within 7 years prior to application.

**Continuing Education:** 40 hours of CE credit within 5 years prior to application.

**Exam:** Proof of successful completion of the NAAP Credentialing Center Exam.

Renewal for AC-BC shall be every 2 years and will require 40 hours CE credit per the NAAP Credentialing Center Standards.

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