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More Than an Exam

Taking the NCE is an important milestone in your professional development.

Unfortunately, many students are so concerned about the test itself that they forget that passing the examination is just one step in the National Certified Counselor (NCC) credentialing process.

When you submitted the NCC application, you were applying for certification through the oldest and largest counselor credentialing organization in the nation--the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC). The student application process is much easier than the application and review process for non-students, and the application fee is lower. In return, NBCC asks that you follow through with the steps required to complete this credentialing process. When you receive your scores, please take a few moments to read the letter we include with your scores and make plans to provide the documentation requested. Please contact us as instructed in the letter that will accompany your scores.

It's very important to follow all the steps to complete certification and obtain your NCC credential. This is the only way you can ensure that your scores on the NCE remain available to you in the future.

Benefits of the NCC Credential

As you are preparing for the exam, be thinking of the many benefits of holding the NCC credential.

- Generates client referrals through CounselorFind, NBCC's referral service linking potential clients to nearby NCCs.
- Travels with you wherever you may move because it is a national rather than a state-based certification.
- Keeps NCCs in touch with current professional credentialing issues and events through the National Certified Counselor, NBCC's newsletter.
- Connects you to affordable professional liability insurance.
- Advances professional accountability and visibility.
- Ensures a national standard developed by counselors, not legislators.
- Furnishes NBCC backing for counselors' right to use assessment instruments through support of the National Fair Access Coalition on Testing (FACT).
- Serves as a continuing source of career enhancement and pride.

NCE Study Tips

The following resources may be helpful in preparing for the NCE.

- Current professional books, journals, and newsletters. Books used should be comprehensive in nature and cover a number of perspectives. Professional journals and newsletters most appropriate for review are those published by professional counseling organizations.
- Course notes from the previous academic years.
- Ethical Standards and other position statements from NBCC and other organizations pertinent to counseling.
- Names associated with major concepts within the counseling profession. Since various theories and/or concepts are often identified by the theorist's name, knowledge of such associations is helpful. For example, "Rogerian" counseling is often interpreted as synonymous with the term "client-centered counseling."

How Will I Know That I'm Registered for the Exam?

The National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (NCE) will be administered nationwide in October. Your examination admission letter will be mailed to you at the address you provided on your NCC application. Please read the admission letter carefully and report to your examination site as instructed in the letter. Take the letter with you when you report to the testing site. If you have questions about the contents of the admission letter, or if you do not receive your letter by October 16, please contact NBCC's Examination's Department by sending an email to examinations@nbcc.org or by calling (336) 547-0607. Please provide a fax number we can use to send your admission letter to you.

Exam Facts

The NCE is comprised of 200 multiple choice questions and is scheduled for a 4-hour period. Most examinees complete the exam in 2 ½ to 3 hours.

Please report to the exam site at the time indicated in your exam admission letter.

Information about the NCE, including sample questions, study materials, and the NBCC NCE Prep guide, can be found on NBCC's Web site at <http://www.nbcc.org/study>.

Moving? Let us know!

Each year we lose touch with a few people. We try to find them but aren't always successful. Unfortunately, there can be fairly serious consequences, including the invalidation of your exam scores.

Please, don't let this happen to you!

Notify NBCC (certification@nbcc.org) of your new contact information as soon as possible.

Postponing the Exam

If you choose to defer or postpone taking the exam, NBCC will send you a re-registration notice for the April 2007 testing date. The re-registration form is due back at NBCC by December 15 or a later date as specified in the notice. Individuals who defer are not required to reapply or pay a new application fee. However, there is a re-registration fee of \$120 which covers costs of keeping the NCC application open and making new testing arrangements. For questions about re-registration, contact certification@nbcc.org. Your NCC application will remain open for a two year period or 3 unsuccessful attempts at passing the NCE, whichever comes first.

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