About FCLB's CCCA Program: Certification for Chiropractic Clinical Assistants

Which CAs?
- Those who help with therapies
- NOT for X-rays or front office staff
- ACRRT (American Chiropractic Registry of Radiologic Technologists)
- Other programs train for office manager skills

Why credential CAs
- Protect the public
- Ensure uniform training
- 5% of malpractice claims relate to injuries with therapies
- Regulatory authority over improper conduct
- Accreditors for insurance companies
- Health care providers with human contact must be credentialed / "licensed?"

Options
1. Regulatory Authority
   - 11 US boards have statutory authority
   - 40 US boards do not
   - Need more info about other countries
2. National / International Certification
3. Best model: combination (Regulation according to certification standards)

No regulatory authority?
- Resource: FCLB Model Language for statute, regulations
- Through FCLB: Support and information from boards who already have regulatory authority

Got regs?
- FCLB can work with boards to help add a second option:
  - Full or partial credit for national certification
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3 parts to CCCA

1. Education
   - 24 hours
     • Previous license / registration
     • PACE Provider / Other Provider
   - 2000 hrs experience

2. Testing

3. Practical Training – 300 hours

Follow the flowchart – we’ll break it down in detail

Eligibility

18 years of age
High school grad
(or equivalent)
Good moral character

Affordable Fees

$150 $ Includes exam fee

Education

NEW CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANTS
24 hours online, in person, or both

PACE Programs
Experienced Chiros
2000 hours experience
Anch 1 year fulltime
Currently registered
Experienced Deg or Equivalent
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24 hrs Education

- PACE Recognized Provider or equivalent
  - Examples:
    - Qualified state or national associations
    - Chiropractic colleges (Palmer)
    - Qualified independent educators
- On-line, in-person, or combination
- If not PACE approved, $25 review fee

Other ways to show education

- Credit for already having 24 hrs education
  - State license
  - Other program
  **OR**
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Quality Examination

- Centerpiece of the credentialing program
  - NBCE's reputation for quality
  - Verification of knowledge
  - Ensures level of safety

Legally Defensible Test Plan

- 15% Ethics & Boundaries
- 30% Foundational Knowledge
- 30% Documentation
- 40% Patient Safety & Procedures

Exam Logistics

- On-line, available 24 x 7
- Must be proctored by a DC with current license in that jurisdiction
- 100 items / 75 minutes
- Accommodations available for documented special needs
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- **Pass Exam: Initial Certification**
  - Print certificate
  - Receive badge

- **Certification for Chiropractic Clinical Assistants**
  - Assuring quality in the interest of public protection
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- **A Nice Person, Jr.**
  - In recognition of
  - for achieving National Certification to assist with chiropractic therapies

- **Supervised Practical Clinical Experience**
  - 300 hrs in DC's office
  - Credit if already have experience
  - Complete no later than 1st anniversary of passing exam
  - Required for initial renewal
  - No CE needed for initial renewal

- **Before First Renewal: Supervised Practical Clinical Experience**

- **Subsequent Renewal**
  - Every 2 Years
  - 6 Hours CE $35
  - NEW BADGE
**Subsequent Renewal**

- Every two years
  - $35
  - 6 hrs CE in any of 4 categories
    - No course review fee if PACE
    - $25 fee if non-PACE hours

**CCCA Late Renewal**

- If CA does not renew timely:
  - $50 re-registration fee
  - Must document missing CE hours

If 2 years past renewal date (4 years from last renewal) must retake exam

**What’s next for boards?**

- Boards modify or adopt language
  - Regulate CAs
    - FCLB recommends “registering” CAs
  - Adopt CCCA standards
    - Eligibility
    - Education
    - Exam
    - Clinical experience
    - CE

**What’s next for colleges and associations?**

- Provide educational programs
- Provide CE hours
- Promote legislation to gain regulatory authority over clinical CAs

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Discussion