



FCLB-79th Annual Congress
Regulation Without Borders
May 4 - 8, 2005- Montréal

Frederick Robert Carrick, DC, PhD, FACCN
Professor Emeritus of Neurology, Parker College of Chiropractic
Distinguished Post Graduate Professor of Clinical Neurology
Logan College of Chiropractic
President ACA Council on Neurology

What happens after the DC degree?

- Board Recognition of Post-Professional education and credentials
- How should the DC present their post-professional education so as not to mislead the public?
- Is the scope of practice expanded for DC specialists?
- Public perception of Diplomate program and Certificate program
- Master's degree programs for DC
- NOCA and NCCA

NOCA

- National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA)
- International leader in setting quality standards for credentialing organizations



What NOCA Does

- Develops International standards and accredits organizations that meet them
- Evaluates methods for assuring competency
- Disseminates findings of competency assurance research
- Helps employers/3rd party payers, etc make informed decisions
- Establishes standards, recommends policies, and defines roles for certifying organizations
- Assists consumers to make informed decisions about qualified providers



Mission

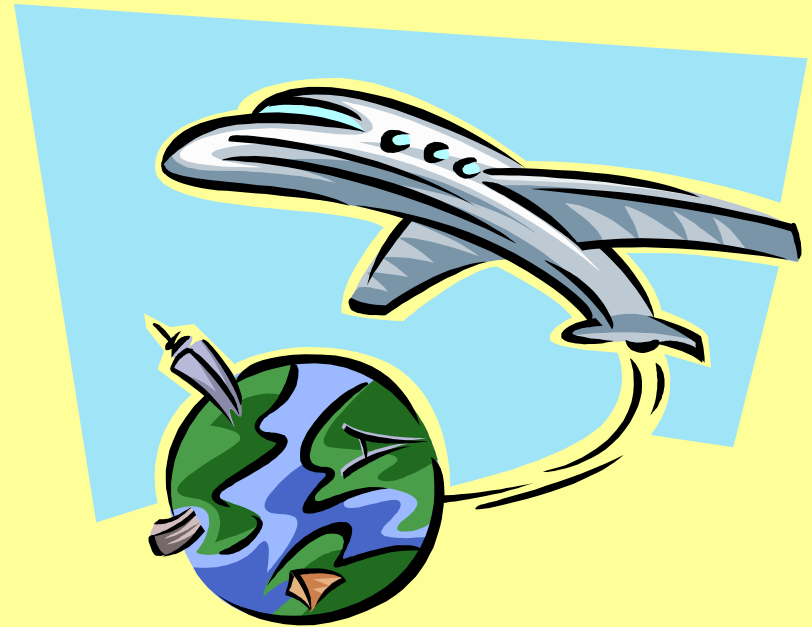


NOCA promotes excellence in competency assessment for practitioners in all occupations and professions by:

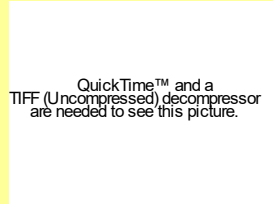
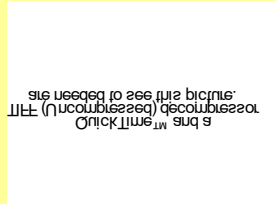
- Providing expertise and guidance
- Developing and implementing standards for accreditation of certification programs through NCCA (NOCA's accrediting body)
- Providing educational and networking resources
- Serving as an advocate on certification issues

NOCA IS

- The International authority in certification and NCCA is the International authority in accreditation of certification programs
- NOCA educates the general consumer so they understand the value of voluntary certification
- Recognize the NCCA seal as representative of the highest quality of certification programs.
- NOCA is the leader in the global transformation to excellence in competency assessment.



NOCA Members: International Standards



- American Association of Physician Specialists
- The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
- American Physical Therapy Association
- Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators
- ACA Council on Chiropractic Specialties
- Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board
- Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools
 - Podiatry, Optometry, Dentistry, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Respiratory Therapy, Acupuncture, Pharmacy

American Chiropractic Association

- ACA recognizes the
American Chiropractic
Neurology Board as
the

SOLE AUTHORITY

for credentialing in
Neurology for the
Chiropractic
Profession



NOCA and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies

- The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) is the accreditation body of NOCA
- Certification programs may apply and be accredited by the NCCA if they demonstrate compliance with each accreditation standard
- *NCCA's Standards* exceed the requirements set forth by the American Psychological Association and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.



NCCA's Mission



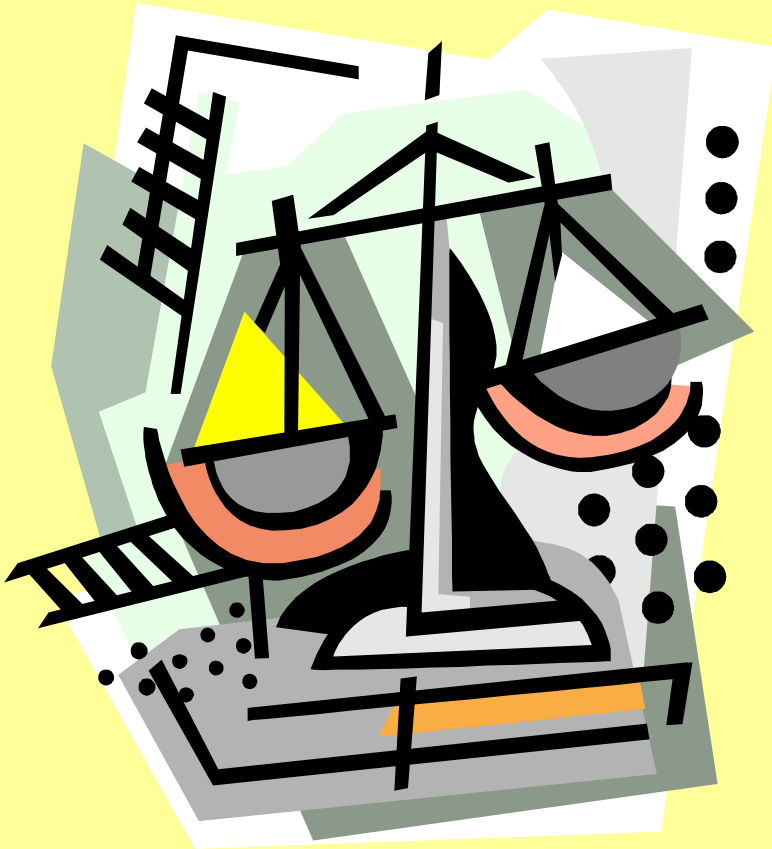
- The NCCA helps to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of a variety of International certification programs/organizations that assess professional competency
- The NCCA uses a peer review process to:
 - Establish accreditation standards
 - Evaluate compliance with the standards
 - Recognize organizations/programs which demonstrate compliance; and
 - Serve as an International resource on quality certification

NCCA

- The NCCA is an administratively independent resource recognized as the international authority on accreditation standards for professional certification organizations/programs



NCCA standards



- Based on sound principles
 - are optimal and comprehensive criteria for organizational process and performance
- They are Internationally recognized
 - objective, and current benchmarks for certifying bodies to achieve and by which they operate

The purpose of NCCA accreditation

- Provide the public and other stakeholders the means by which to identify certification programs that serve their competency assurance needs



NCCA Standards

- Address the structure and governance of the certifying agency
- Characteristics of the certification program
- Information required to be available to applicants, certificants, and the public,
- Recertification initiatives of the certifying agency

NCCA Standards

- **First**
 - The certification community has expanded internationally
 - Agencies such as FCLB need to refer to an international standard to recognize credentials and protect the public
- **Second**
 - NCCA accredited certification programs are recognized by federal, state and provincial regulatory authorities
 - a practice that expands the traditional definition of certification.
- In keeping with its service to the public and to various other stakeholders of professional certification, and in order to address fundamental changes in certification, FCLB should embrace the international standards of NCCA accreditation specific to Chiropractic Specialties.

NCCA Standards

- The Standards focus on certification programs and are organized into five sections:
 - (1) Purpose, Governance, and Resources, containing five Standards
 - (2) Responsibilities to Stakeholders, containing four Standards
 - (3) Assessment Instruments, containing nine Standards
 - (4) Recertification, containing two Standards
 - (5) Maintaining Accreditation, containing one Standard.
- To earn or maintain accreditation by NCCA, the certification program must meet *all* Standards and provide evidence of compliance through the submission of required documentation

NCCA Standards & Stakeholders

- The term stakeholder denotes the primary interest of the public and other consumers of the certification program.
- The term also encompasses certificants and the entities offering certification, as well as educators, and employers.
- It is appropriate to acknowledge the legitimate influence of all stakeholder bodies.

Accredited Programs of Graduate Education in Neurology for DC

National University of Health Sciences
200 East Roosevelt Road
Lombard, Illinois 60148

Université du Québec a Trois-Rivieres
C.P. 500 Trois-Rivieres
Quebec, G9A 5H7
CANADA

The Carrick Institute for Clinical Ergonomics, Rehabilitation and Applied Neuroscience
School of Engineering Technologies
State University of New York College at Farmingdale
Lupton Hall 2350 Broadhollow Road
Farmingdale, NY 11735-1021

Board Eligible Status

- Confusing to the public
- Not allowed by ACNB

Distance Education

- Is the program accredited?

- **Can a certification organization offer educational programs leading to Board Certification?**
- **NO**
 - A certification organization can offer educational materials for prospective candidates as long as the organization/agency sponsored education is not a required prerequisite to obtain the credential

Master's Degree for DC

- Professional vs Academic Graduate Degrees
- Graduate level degrees do not equal certification
- Need to have independent accredited certification agencies
- Carrick Institute at SUNY MSc in Vocational Rehabilitation Neuropsychology

Is the scope of practice expanded for DC specialists?

- Scope of Practice for all Health Care Professionals
- Specialize within the scope of practice
 - Consultant to Profession and Allied Health
- DACBR
 - Radiology expertise greater than General Practitioner?
- DACNB
 - Electrodiagnostic expertise greater than General Practitioner?
- Third Party Payers
 - Reimbursement for some procedures only to Chiropractic Specialists

Specialty Advertising

- Is the specialty NCCA accredited?
- Is the specialist current with his/her recertification requirements?
- Problems!!!
 - Specialty certification agencies that are upgrading to NOCA standards but are not yet certified
 - Is the specialty recognized by the National Professional Organization?
- In the future all chiropractic specialty boards will be NCCA accredited (No Choice-Public, Professional and Allied Health Demands).



FCLB-79th Annual Congress
Regulation Without Borders
May 4 - 8, 2005- Montréal

Frederick Robert Carrick, DC, PhD, FACCN
Professor Emeritus of Neurology, Parker College of Chiropractic
Distinguished Post Graduate Professor of Clinical Neurology
Logan College of Chiropractic
President ACA Council on Neurology