



**Certified Chiropractic Clinical Assistant**




Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards

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### 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



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### 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?"



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### 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)



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### No regulatory authority?

- Resource: FCLB Model Language for statute, regulations
- Through FCLB: Support and information from boards who already have regulatory authority



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### 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

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

Eligibility

**\$150** Includes exam fee

Affordable Fees

**NEW CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANTS**  
24 hours online, in person, or both  
PACE Programs subject to review can apply pay fee

**EXPERIENCED CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANTS**  
2000 hours experience (equals 1 year full-time)  
OR  
currently registered w/ member board w/ equivalent requirements

Education

### 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

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### Other ways to show education

- Credit for already having 24 hrs education
  - State license
  - Other program
- OR**
- 2,000 hours chiropractic clinical experience meets education requirement
  - 1 year if full-time 2 years if half-time, etc.

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Examination

### Quality Examination

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

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### Legally Defensible Test Plan

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### 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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Print certificate  
Receive badge

Pass Exam: Initial Certification

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In recognition of

*A Nice Person, Jr.*

for achieving  
National Certification  
to assist with chiropractic therapies

Certification Number Expires

*Laurence C. ...*  
FCLB President

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Supervised Practical Clinical Experience

Before First Renewal: Supervised Practical Clinical Experience

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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

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Every 2 Years




Subsequent Renewal

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### 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




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### 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



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### 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



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### 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

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