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You are a true professional. Catering and events is your passion and you have attained a level of distinction in your specialty that sets you apart from others.

It's time you became a CPCE.

The National Association for Catering and Events is proud to administer the Certified Professional in Catering and Events credential. The CPCE is the most prestigious professional designation in our field.

With CPCE next to your name, you communicate to clients, colleagues, employers and employees that you have reached the pinnacle of your profession. Earning the CPCE designation communicates professionalism and strengthens your earning power.

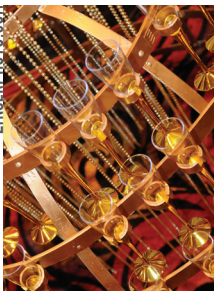
The CPCE is open to industry professionals, including:

- Caterers
- Event planners
- Event professionals: florists, linen suppliers, DJs, photographers, videographers



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A PROVEN BENEFIT

In a recent survey of those who had been awarded the CPCE designation:

- More than 90 percent answered “Yes” to the question: Do you believe that attaining the CPCE has been valuable to your career?
- The CPCE was credited by survey respondents with leading to a promotion, new business opportunities, greater self-confidence and impressing clients.
- More than half the respondents felt the exam was less difficult than they had anticipated.
- More than 90 percent of the respondents reported that taking the CPCE was “worth the investment of time and money.”

The CPCE designation shows that I am an expert in my field, focused on the industry and trends. The CPCE designation has opened doors for me, given me a new level of respect and credibility, both personally and professionally!

Lisa Carruth, CPCE
Director of Catering
BraeBurn Country Club

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN ANYONE TAKE THE EXAM?

Anyone in the catering and events industry can apply to take the exam. You don't have to be a NACE member. The application is based on a point system. Points are earned through experience, leadership, education, professional achievements and other factors.

WHAT AREAS OF EXPERTISE DO I NEED TO HAVE IN ORDER TO PASS THE EXAM?

The exam is based on knowledge of eight core competencies in catering and events:

- Accounting
- Beverage Management
- Catering Services
- Contracts and Agreements
- Event Management
- Food Production
- Human Resources
- Sales and Marketing

HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit www.naceuniversity.org to apply for the online exam or you can also download an application at www.nace.net. Once your application is approved, you have 1 year to take the exam.

HOW MANY QUESTIONS ARE ON THE EXAM AND HOW LONG IS THE EXAM?

The exam consists of 175 multiple choice questions. Candidates have 2.5 hours to take the online exam and 3 hours to take the paper exam.

WHAT STUDY MATERIALS DO I NEED TO PREPARE FOR THE EXAM?

All candidates are required to purchase *The Professional Reference Guide for the Catering and Event Industry*, which serves as the exam study guide. In addition, the *Food Safety Management Principles* book serves as suggested reading to prepare for the food production section of the exam.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The application fee is \$395 for members and \$495 for non-members. The application fee includes one copy of the study guide.

DOES NACE PROVIDE ANY OTHER STUDY MATERIALS TO ASSIST IN EXAM PREPARATION?

NACE offers the Fast Track program (live and DVDs for purchase) and flash cards. In addition, NACE offers online study groups each spring and fall. These 11-week courses are a great way to engage in a committed study program while earning 10 contact hours toward your application! Register at www.nace.net.

HOW LONG DOES THE CERTIFICATION REMAIN ACTIVE?

The certification remains active for 5 years. All CPCEs must recertify before the expiration date to continue using their designation. Recertification requires 60 points. Points are earned based on experience, leadership, education, professional achievements and other areas.