

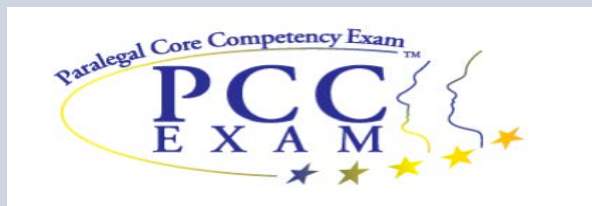
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2012 NFPA Regulation/National Leadership/PACE® Ambassador Joint Conference

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SAVE THE DATE!

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

The next Paralegal Certification Ambassadors Conference will be held as part of the NFPA Joint Conference set for April 20 through April 23, 2012 in Nashville, Tennessee. The Midland Tennessee Association will be our hosts. The Ambassadors' Conference will take place on Sunday, April 22, 2012, ending at Noon on Monday, April 23. The Regulation Conference is scheduled for Friday, April 20, with NFPA's Leadership Conference set for Saturday, April 21, 2011.

Hotel accommodations will be at the Holiday Inn Express Downtown, **920 BROADWAY • NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37203 • PHONE: 615. 244.0150**. The hotel is 8 miles from the Nashville Airport. Blocks of rooms are being held at the rate of \$149 plus tax. This conference will cover promoting both PACE and PCC exams to your members, employers, bar associations, court personnel and others in the legal community. Topics at press time include the development of both exams, forming study groups, how to obtain study materials, how to plan PACE and PCC seminars, submitting articles not only for your local association newsletter, but how to submit to your local bar association. We would welcome any suggestions for specific topics the Ambassadors would like to address. You can email your suggestions to VPDPC@paralegals.org

Here is a sample question for you to answer: Are you allowed to use the PACE and/or PCC logo? Is the answer "Yes?" Is the answer "No?" If it's "yes", are there certain conditions that must be met? Come to the conference and learn the correct answer.

This conference is open to any NFPA member. You do not have to be your associations' PACE or PCC Ambassador to attend. You do not even have to have the RP or CRP designation to attend. You just need the desire to learn more about PCC and PACE and be willing to promote the exams to your association and paralegals in your area.

PACE REVIEW
2012 CLASS
SCHEDULE

- January 23
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- March 5
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- April 23
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- June 4
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- July 23
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- September 10
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- October 15
-
- November 26

PACE SCORING RUNS:

FEBRUARY 15, 2012

AUGUST 15, 2012

PCCE SCORING
RUNS:

APRIL 1, 2012

JULY 1, 2012

OCTOBER 1, 2012

JANUARY 1, 2013

Friday– Regulation Conference

Friday's Regulation Conference will begin with welcoming remarks from NFPA's current President, Tracey Young, RP, and will continue on with speakers, Tracey L. Young, RP; Bob Hrouda, RP; Lisa Vessels, CP, FRP; and several other great guests. If your association is considering tackling certification, licensure, or registration in your association's state, this is the conference for you! Even if this is an effort that will not be attempted in the near future but that you know your state will eventually investigate, it is important to learn the different types of regulation; the status of regulation efforts in other states; how to handle legal professions who are not keen on regulation; and, understanding the legislative process. This conference is an important one to attend in order to gain an understanding of what your state is likely to come up against in its future endeavor into regulation.

Saturday– National Leadership Conference

Whether you are leader-in-training or already wearing your leadership hat, NFPA's National Leadership Conference is a *MUST!* You will spend a full day on Saturday among the smartest and most experienced paralegals from across the country who are there to both learn and teach. You will gain knowledge about how to lead effectively; actively participate as you are trained and influenced; and, make friends, mentors/mentees, and connections that will prove valuable for years to come. It is recommended that, if possible, associations send a representative to this conference who is an up and coming leader.

NFPA JOINT SOCIAL EVENTS

Social activities for the conferences are still being finalized at press time. Please check NFPA's website for updates.

Registration Information

There is no cost for the conference if you are NFPA members; however, you are responsible for your travel and hotel expenses. Lunch on Friday and Saturday are included with your registration.

Please register for one or more of the conferences at

www.paralegals.org and make your reservations for the Holiday Inn Express by calling 615-244-0150. The hotel cost is \$149 plus tax.

Paralegal CORE Competency Exam by Suellen
Honeychuck, RP

A pilot test of the Paralegal CORE Competency Exam took place on June 11, 2011 at various locations throughout the country. Out of the 224 candidates registered to take the exam, 188 took the exam and 146 candidates achieved a passing score of 550 or better. The exam is now available to all eligible paralegals. Registration is made on NFPA's website. The fee to take the exam is \$215.00.

The computer based exam is 125 multiple choice questions, taken in a two hour period. The exam is given at a Prometric Testing Center. Eligibility requirements to sit for the exam consist of a combination of education and work experience criteria. For those who have extensive work experience, some CLE components must be met to be eligible to take PCC exam.

Scoring Runs for the PCC Exam will be completed quarterly according the following schedule:

PCC Exam Scoring Run Dates	
Date Tested	Scores Mailed week of
January 1 - March 31	April 16, 2012
April 1 - June 30	July 16, 2012
July 1 - September 30	October 15, 2012
October 1 - December 31	January 14, 2013

STUDY MATERIALS by Judy Stouffer, RP

A study manual for PCC is being finalized.

RENEWALS by Vickie Newman, RP

Now is the time to submit renewal applications for those whose exam dates were in **January, February, March and April**. As a reminder, you do not need to submit any of the seminar materials. This includes handouts, PowerPoint presentations and the like. You do need to submit copies of the certificates of attendance. If the seminar was approved by NFPA's CLE Coordinator, you also need to submit the letter of approval. This will avoid any unnecessary delays in processing the renewal application.

In submitting CLE hours, the look-back period is six months. You can use up to three (3) hours of CLE if they were obtained within the past six months and not used in your prior renewal period. Ethics *cannot* be carried over.

Up to four (4) hours of CLE may be obtained for self-study. If the program is not a NFPA pre-approved provider (i.e., NFPA, NFPA member paralegal associations, state and local bar associations, government agencies, courts, IPE, and NALA to name a select few), you must obtain approval from NFPA's CLE Coordinator first.

PACE NEWS!!!

The PACE Application/Handbook is now available on the NFPA website to purchase directly from NFPA. It's under PACE Merchandise. The cost is still \$25.00

NEED CLEs?

NFPA has joined forces with IPE in offering much needed CLE's. You can mix and match your seminars to fit your budget and CLE needs. Information and seminar topics can be found on NFPA's website at:

http://paralegals.org/associations/2270/files/2011content/NFPA-IPE_CLE_Flyer.pdf

2011 PACE AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL WALLACE, RP®, PACE AMBASSADOR OF CENTRAL CONNECTICUT PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION, RECIPIENT OF THIS YEAR'S PACE AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

Mike has held this position in his association for several years. This is the second time he has been honored with this award. Mike has worked very hard in promoting PACE and PCC to his members. Since he became an RP in August 2007, Mike has been a strong and vocal advocate for PACE. He's helped many paralegals prepare by organizing study groups and providing encouragement. He has consistently recognized new RPs in his association as well as highlighting the activities and achievements of those in his association who have held the credential for 10 years or more. With the advent of the new Paralegal CORE Competency Exam, Mike also took on the task of assisting a number of individuals prepare for the PCC Exam pilot test that was offered on June. Congratulations Mike and thank you for your unfailing support of PACE.

AMBASSADOR TIPS, TRICKS AND HINTS

This month's tip is to start your very own Ambassador of the Year file. Some things to include in the file:

- Articles you write about PACE and PCC
- Seminars you put on, such as a PACE Overview Seminar
- Guest speaking engagements, whether it's to law firms, corporations, bar associations, etc.
- Handouts from speaking engagements and seminars
- Information regarding study groups, including how many members
- Letters of congratulations to new CRP's and RP's
- Memos to your association board on ways to promote PACE and PCC

Having this file handy makes it easier to write up your nomination for next year's Ambassador of the Year

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Tracey Young, RP, NFPA President has issued the following challenges to member associations:

1. To have two new RP's by 2012 convention in Anchorage, Alaska.
2. To have the most new RP's by 2012 convention in Anchorage, Alaska.
3. To have two new CRP'S by 2012 convention in Anchorage, Alaska.
4. To have the most new CRP's by 2012 convention in Anchorage, Alaska.

This means that if your association has any new RP's or CRP's between September 16, 2011 and September 15, 2012, your association will be specially recognized at the 2012 convention. In addition, all new RP'S and CRP's will be specially recognized at the 2012 convention.

32 NEW PACE REGISTERED PARALEGALS IN 2011!!!

February 15, 2011 Scoring Run:

Evelyn M. Brett, RP
St. Petersburg, FL

Richard R. Cocklin, RP
Fort Meade, MD

Diana M. Cook, RP
Havertown, PA

Megan G. Haught, RP
Georgetown, KY

Tasonja V. Hibbler, RP
Mableton, GA

Michael T. Maitland, RP
Tallahassee, FL

Tana A. Nelson, RP
San Carlos, CA

Sherry A. Popowski, RP
Coon Rapids, MN

Desiree M. Purvenas-Hayes, RP
West Deptford, NJ

Timothy Resor, RP
Cleveland, OH

Mary R. Swift, RP
Wilmington, DE

Kimberly A. Walker, RP
Philadelphia, PA

Wendy A. Walters, RP
Charlotte, NC

Rosslyn M. Woods, RP
Fairfax, VA

Andrea A. Zwegat, RP
Willoughby, OH

August 15, 2011 Scoring Run:

Janice K. Ayers, RP
Topeka, KS

Jennifer L. Brostek, RP
Thomaston, CT

Tina M. Budzisz, RP
Gibsonton, FL

Amanda J. Chapman, RP
Arnold, MO

Tonyha A. Davies, RP
Spanaway, WA

Melisa K. Jones, RP
Topeka, KS

Kristi L. Lindley, RP
Florence, SC

Kimberly L. McCullough, RP
Phoenix, AZ

Lisa A. Medoro, RP
Kensington, MD

Hassan A. Mian, RP
Ann Arbor, MI

Anne T. Newcomer, RP
Pittsburgh, PA

Lyvette E. Newman, RP
Woodland Hills, CA

Rebecca L. Parsons, RP
Saint Michael, MN

Sheryl A. Snyder, RP
Topeka, KS

Margaret M. Vincent, RP
Nottingham, MD

Melissa H. Walton, RP
Jonesboro, GA

Angela A. Wargel, RP
Mount Vernon, IN