



Board for Certification in Clinical Anaplastology

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Overview

The Board for Certification in Clinical Anaplastology (BCCA) was incorporated in December, 2002. The BCCA currently operates as an independent non-profit corporation whose primary function is to administer a certification examination as a means of attesting to the competency of the anaplastologist. Candidates, who wish to be awarded the credential CCA, must first successfully pass an examination.

The BCCA board of directors is comprised of anaplastologists with areas of specialization including facial prosthetics, dental laboratory technology, somato prosthetics, prosthetics & orthotics, ocular science, craniofacial implants, maxillofacial prosthodontics, and materials science, as well as a member of the public community.

Our Mission

The mission of the BCCA is to promote and provide certification in Clinical Anaplastology for the enhancement of patient care and professional practice.

History

At the recommendation of an advisory committee formed in 1997, the membership of the American Anaplastology Association (AAA) voted in 2000 on nominees to establish a certification board that would follow guideline of the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

Certification Eligibility

Applications and eligibility requirements will be published on the BCCA web site on or prior to January 1, 2008.

Certification Testing

Now that Job Analysis and Certification Exam Writing activities have concluded, it is expected that the BCCA will be administering the first examination in the fall of 2008. For your convenience, the date(s) and time will coincide with the American Anaplastology Association conference and be in the same location.

As required by CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) and NCCA standards, all individuals previously granted certification through credentials alone (for purposes of establishing subject matter experts in the field) will be required to sit for the certification exam within 2 years of its first being offered.

Those who do not pass will enter a Probation Period, and will need to take the exam within 18 months to maintain BCCA certified status. For further information on this policy, please refer to the BCCA website.

Maintenance and Renewal of Certification

All individuals certified, whether by credentials alone or by passing the certification examination, will maintain their certification in good standing by meeting periodic continuing education requirements. Accrual of 60 continuing competency credits is required during the 5-year renewal cycle. Payment of an annual renewal fee is also required (currently set at \$200.00).

In compliance with Standard 19, the NCCA standards for certification programs, the BCCA publishes a recertification procedures policy. For a complete copy of *2007 Recertification Requirements and Guidelines for Certified Clinical Anaplastologists*, please visit the following page on the BCCA web site:

<http://www.bccca-cca.org/ContComp.htm>

Following CMS Standards

The board actively monitors Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) policies for issues affecting our stakeholders. Announcements have been made of the New Quality Assurance and Accreditation Standards for prosthetic providers, and implementation of the National Provider Identifier. New CMS Quality Standards dictate that all DMEPOS providers be certified through testing and that practice facilities be accredited. For future updates to this information, please refer to the CMS and BCCA websites. **www.bccca-cca.org**

Informational Links:

American Anaplastology Association:
www.anaplastology.org

National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA)
www.noca.org

National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA)
<http://www.noca.org/ncca/accreditation.htm>

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) DMPOS Quality Standards:
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CompetitiveAcqforDMEPOS/04NewQualityStandards.asp>