

Dear NCSP:

Renewal Requirements Set for Changes

A hallmark of the NCSP system has always been its promotion of high quality continuing professional development. For many years, school psychologists who hold the NCSP have been required to engage in activities designed to maintain, expand, and extend their professional training and skills. To further encourage high quality CPD, the NCSP Board is instituting two new CPD content standards that will be phased in over the next few years.

1. Training in Ethics and Professional Practices - January 2009

If your NCSP credential is due for renewal in January 2009 and beyond, you must attest to the completion of 3 hours of professional development in ethics or professional practices. **These three hours will be required for every renewal cycle beginning in January 2009.** NCSPs will have considerable latitude in selecting professional development activities in the professional practices area. For example, any training regarding the legal regulation of school psychology practice (e.g., IDEA, Section 504) could apply. Opportunities for such training are available during the [NASP convention](#) or [summer conferences](#). NASP will offer a [self-study module](#) on ethics within the year that will be available to NASP members. Continuing professional development on these topics can also be obtained through your state school psychological association and other providers of continuing professional development in your area.

2. Training from a NASP or APA Approved Provider – January 2010

The NASP-Approved Provider system was created to assist school psychologists in obtaining quality professional development. NASP Approved Providers must demonstrate that their offerings align with NASP standards, are provided by qualified professionals, and are intended to enhance professional competencies, skills or knowledge. **NCSPs whose renewal will occur in January 2010 and beyond must obtain one-third (25) of their continuing professional development credits through a NASP- or APA-Approved Provider.** The American Psychological Association also approves CPD providers. You can find a growing list of NASP-Approved Providers [here](#).

NASP Assistance for Financial Parity for the NCSP Credential

If you work in a school district that provides financial recognition to classroom teachers who have obtained their national certification and you are not receiving financial parity for being a nationally certified school psychologist, check out our [Parity in Pay](#) tools for steps you can use to win comparable recognition.

When and How to Renew Your Credential

You will receive renewal materials the month your NCSP credential expires. Check your renewal date [here](#) by logging into our website and clicking on "View My Account." In most instances, your user name and password are **your NASP account number** (931239). Your Certification number is 33523.

You can renew your NCSP credential [online](#). You may complete your renewal anytime during the month your NCSP status will expire. For example, if your credential expires on November 30, 2007 you can renew anytime beginning November 1, 2007.

Have You Moved or Changed Your E-mail Address?

You can update your address, telephone numbers or e-mail address [online](#) by logging into the website and clicking on "View My Account." In most instances, your user name and password are your NASP account number (931239).

As always, thank you for helping to raise the standard of continuing professional development

and practice in school psychology by maintaining your NCSP. Our goal is to ensure that your credential carries real value and supports your work with children, families, and schools. Please let us know if you have questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Sincerely,
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