



## **American Camp Association**

Continuing Education Credits: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### ***My organization offers CEUs for programs I develop. Why would I want to have my programs endorsed by ACA and offer CECs in addition to CEUs?***

ACA's endorsement program, which includes awarding CECs, exposes your organization as well as your event to a broader audience of learners and influencers. While CEUs resonate with your core audience, CECs will resonate with an expanded audience.

### ***I'm interested in having ACA review and hopefully endorse my two-day conference. Does ACA send my participants notifications about CECs earned, or do I?***

As the organizer of the conference, you and your organization will verify the credits earned for participation at your conference. We encourage you to follow up with attendees and provide notification of credits earned. As part of the review of your program, ACA awards a) educational endorsement for this conference, and b) the appropriate number of CECs based on the educational contact hours outlined in the program.

### ***I am working with the executive in my field office to align our Fall Conference with the ACA Educational Endorsement Program guidelines. Will our participants need to petition ACA to have their credits logged in their ACA transcripts?***

If the event is aligned or endorsed, participants do not need petition to ACA to receive recognition of credit. For those events that are managed through ACA's database (CRM), the credits will be automatically written into the transcripts of participants. If managed outside CRM, there is an administrative step to ensuring the credits appear in the transcript (completion of a template). Ideally, aligned events are managed in CRM.

### ***I'm working in an ACA Field Office. Should I pursue educational endorsement or alignment for our professional development events?***

Events planned and hosted by ACA Field Offices and ACA Affiliate Offices may complete the alignment process, which mirrors the quality planning tenants of the Educational Endorsement Program process.

### ***Is it possible to see past endorsed events to get a sense of whether or not my event is suitable for ACA Educational Endorsement?***

Yes, and we encourage you to review past and current events. Visit [www.ACAcamps.org/pdc/endorsed-events](http://www.ACAcamps.org/pdc/endorsed-events) and scroll to the bottom for the link to past events.

### ***Our Field Office offers the ACA Standards Course two to three times per year. Do I need to complete the alignment process? And is the ACA Standards Course suitable for CECs?***

The ACA Standards Course, completed in person or online, includes 3.75 CECs or 3.75 hours of educational contact time. In its development and subsequent updates, the course is aligned to the endorsement process and its instructors are trained and vetted. At its core, the ACA Accreditation Program is an educational process, and participation in the Standards Course is a worthy professional development activity.

To contact ACA for additional information, visit [www.ACAcamps.org](http://www.ACAcamps.org), or call 765-342-8456.