PACE Overview

The benefits to boards:

- Economies of scale: Right now, for a program offered nation-wide, every board has to look at and review the course. That means everybody is duplicating each others' work. PACE does the job once to standards that board members helped develop. (Saves money via employee workload)
    - Boards receive approx. 9,600 pages of application materials per year
    - Materials require 800 staff hours to review
    - Board's average annual income from CE approval is less than $500
- Eliminates Favoritism: There are some boards with a member or two who hands out approval based on the buddy system. That's not really in the best interest of public protection.
- Offers Informed, professional evaluation: Boards don't have the time or manpower to be experts in everything related to post-grad chiropractic education. PACE has volunteer Reviewers who are experts.
- Central location for course searches: Course searching is available through the FCLB website, streamlining the process for licensees
- Automatic credit reporting: Your licensees who receive credits through PACE will have those credits automatically reported to you in whatever data format you prefer.

Common board fears:

- *It'll usurp board authority:* Boards can't legally give away their authority. With PACE they're just delegating a job. They're still the boss; PACE is the worker bee. It's similar to accepting the National Board exams as sufficient to meet a board's examination requirements.
- *PACE will force boards to accept credits in subjects they don't want:* PACE has a pretty comprehensive list of subject matter. When credits are reported to boards, PACE notes which of those credits may be prohibited by a board, allowing the board to only accept those credits that are permitted for relicensure. Additionally, PACE <u>does</u> <u>not</u> allow courses in practice building.
- *PACE will reduce income from CE applicant fees:* Most boards will find that their current fees do not sufficiently cover the cost of reviewing CE programs. In addition, PACE acceptance will not likely greatly impact income for some time.

How do boards accept PACE?

- Varies by board. It may require anything from a statute change to a board decision. Once the board has chosen to accept PACE, they just need to notify the FCLB and we'll get them set up.

FEES:

PACE costs boards NOTHING

Initial application fee (for-profits):	$500
Renewal application fee (for-profits):	$250
Annual recognition fee:	
Non-profit:	$0
For profit:	$2,000
Records fee:	$10 per participating D.C., per course
Reconsideration fee:	$500
Appeal fee:	$1,500 (not including hearing costs)

Protecting the Public

PACE promotes quality continuing education by streamlining the CE credit approval process for valid providers

Online course search feature assists DCs to find the relicensure courses they need.

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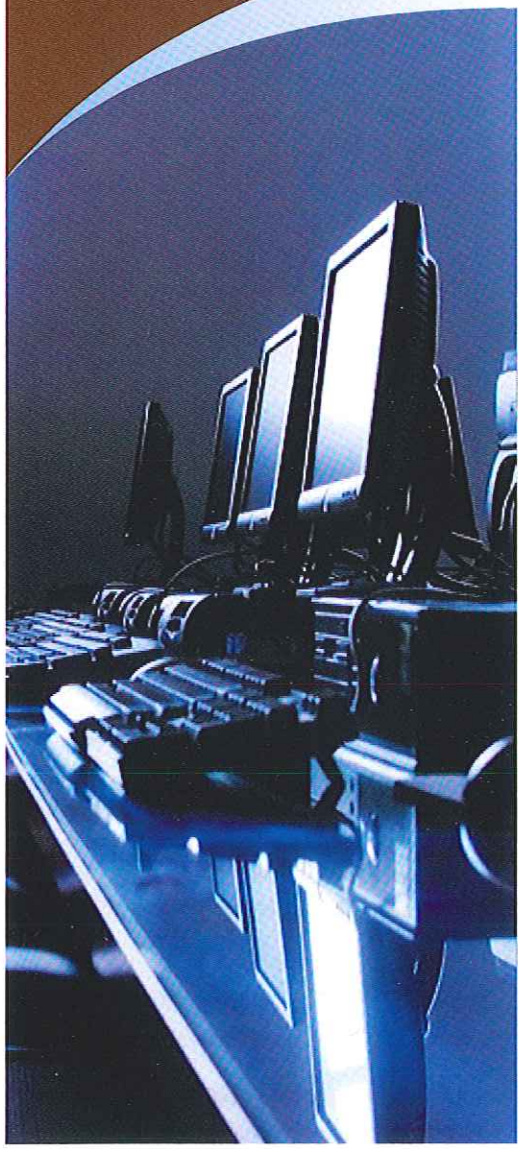
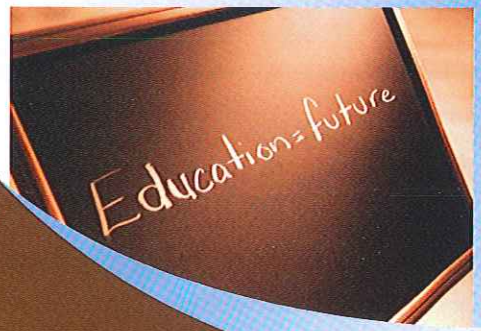


CE PROVIDERS

- Single, simplified application process
- Uniform criteria for approval
- Automatic course approval
- Professional credibility

→ 25 point application tests ability and willingness to comply with certain standards including:

- Instructor screening & qualifications
- Course objectives
- Quality of course materials
- Administrative framework & organization



PRACTICING DCS

- Easy course searching
- Affirmation of quality
- Connect with scientifically sound, reliable education
- Effective CE keeps DCs current

AUTHORITY

Boards retain authority over CE for licensure renewal.

→ Delegate CE provider oversight to PACE without compromising this authority.

PACE credit reports include a breakdown of subject hours so boards may deny credits for prohibited subjects.

MEMBER BOARDS

→ • Reduces paperwork and review processes, completing a single assessment on behalf of all boards.

- Recognizes providers through a single, cohesive evaluation instead of repetitive reviews
- Random and targeted courses reviews ensure PACE compliance
- Generates comprehensive, on-demand earned credit reports for boards to verify CE credits, dramatically reducing the staff time and cost involved in auditing relicensure compliance.

National training
standardization
for those who assist
doctors of chiropractic
in the provision of
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Certified Chiropractic Clinical Assistant

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The Problems:

Lack of uniformity in training is leading to confusion about scope and duration.

Insurers are often required to certify that all covered care will be delivered by a licensed clinician.

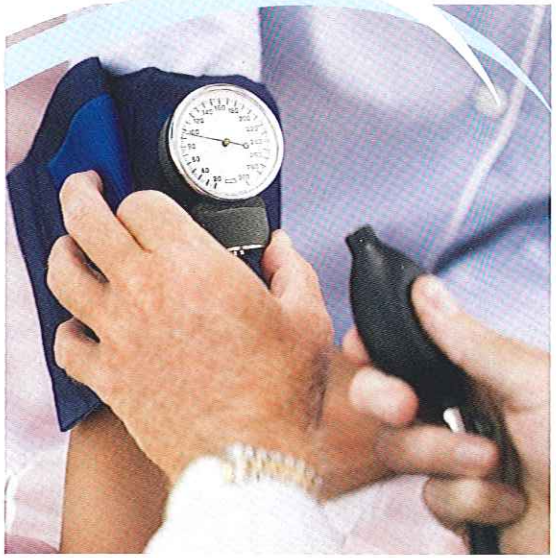
The incidence of malpractice cases due to burns is roughly 5%.

Payment for therapies not performed solely by a D.C. may be disallowed.

If national standards are not established by the chiropractic profession, insurance regulators and providers may create their own policies.

The solution:

Standardized training and formal certification for chiropractic clinical assistants



Purpose

- Protect the public by ensuring safe, effective care
- Offer logistically feasible training and testing
- Promote reasonable uniformity
- Provide professional, portable, and fair certification

Program Design

Eligibility:
- At least 18 years of age
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Good moral character

Initial Fees:
- $150 includes exam, certificate, badge, and 1st year of registration

Education:
- 24 hours from a PACE provider *-OR-*
- 24 hours from another provider (subject to review) *-OR-*
- 2,000 hours of experience *-OR-*
- Current member board registration

Exam:
- Online
- Created by NBCE

First Year:
- Earn 300 hours of practical clinical experience

Renewals:
- Every two years
- Requires 6 hours of CE