

# Certified Professional in Catering and Events (CPCE)

About: <http://www.nace.net/cpce>

Achievement of the Certified Professional in Catering and Events (CPCE) designation demonstrates expertise in catering and events and is earned by taking a comprehensive examination that covers the core competencies of the industry.

The goals of the Certified Professional in Catering and Events program are to:

- Establish a nationally recognized standard of competence.
- Promote professional commitment to excellence.
- Endorse active participation in educational offerings that support the continued competency of Certified Professionals in Catering and Events.
- Aid employers in identifying qualified personnel.
- Enhance the professional image of industry professionals.
- Provide a sense of personal achievement for the advancement of one's career.

## **Application/Exams:**

Applicants must meet the education, continuing education, and employment criteria

## **Fees:**

The fee for CPCE application is \$525, which includes one sitting of the exam. Candidates who do not pass the exam may retake it within one year of application approval for a \$200 fee.

## **Group Rates:**

Do you have a group interested in taking the CPCE exam? Take \$100 off each application when five or more apply together.

Contact [cpce@nace.net](mailto:cpce@nace.net) for more information.

## **Exam information:**

There are 175 questions. Candidates have 2.5 hours to complete the online version and 3 hours to complete the paper version of the exam. Most candidates complete the exam in about 2 hours.

A score of 70 percent or higher is required to pass the exam. If you do not pass the exam, you may retake the exam within one year of application approval for a reduced fee. If the exam is not passed within one year, you will be required to re-apply.

## **Recertification:**

To recertify, CPCEs must have 30 hours of continuing education and complete a [recertification application](#), similar to the application for initial certification, and submit it with documentation and payment for the recertification fee (\$245) before their certification expiration date which is 5 years after certification.



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