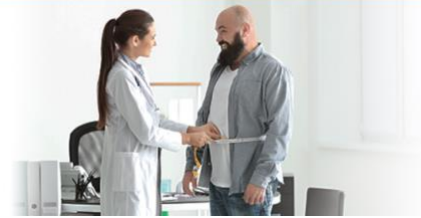


# OBESITY MANAGEMENT IN PRIMARY CARE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAM



## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Why is there tuition considering that AAPA has received grant funding?**

Although AAPA, NACE, and TOS have received independent educational grant funding from Novo Nordisk, the grant does not cover the full cost of the program. We have benchmarked this certificate program to other programs where tuition has ranged from \$450 to \$6,000.



### **What is the difference between a certificate program and certification?**

A certificate program is designed to give learners a level of mastery over a defined area of knowledge or practice and provide recognition for the achievement. Certificate programs do not confer a degree or an official certification, however, they do aid in developing professional skills and competencies and can be used to demonstrate continued professional development in one's career.

Certification is a process by which learners, who have met specific training requirements, demonstrate their knowledge, usually by taking a secure, proctored exam.

Currently, the only certification related to obesity available is an interprofessional certification offered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration. However, this certification does not include the medical management of obesity, which is at the heart of the role that PAs and NPs play in treating patients with obesity.



### **Where can I find the 2022-2023 Obesity Management in Primary Care Training and Certificate Program in AAPA's Learning Central?**

You can find the 2022-2023 Obesity Management in Primary Care Training and Certificate Program on your Dashboard in [Learning Central](#).



### **What if I attended a live webcast sponsored by NACE?**

If you completed the live webcast sponsored by NACE, you will be required to attest that you completed the webcast and move past the prerequisite module to continue to Module 1. You can also document your completion in your activity journal.



### **What if I did NOT attend a live webcast sponsored by NACE?**

If you did not complete a live webcast sponsored by NACE, you will be required to complete the prerequisite module within the Certificate Program in [Learning Central](#) to continue to Module 1.



### **What is the purpose of the activity journal?**

The purpose of this journal is to provide a way for you to indicate completion of the various activities of the Training and Certificate Program. By recording your achievements in one place, you will be able to easily notice any items yet to be completed, track your progress, and reinforce your recognition of the changes you're making. This is an interactive PDF that you can save to your desktop and refer to as needed as you move through the program.

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### What can I expect as a participant in this certificate program?

This certificate program is an on-line self-paced course. It is designed to empower participants to develop their obesity management knowledge and skills so they may integrate them into their daily clinical practice.

The program includes the following:

- Prerequisite webinar
- Comprehensive program assessments and evaluation
- Ten 60–90-minute modules that each contain the following:
  - Clinical webinars
  - Clinical pearl webinars
  - Pre and post assessments
  - Evaluation
  - Articles and resources

In addition, the following are included in some of the modules:

- Podcasts
- Interactive activity
- Educational tools for practice providers, staff, and patients

Module topics are as follows:

1. Pathophysiology
2. Overcoming Bias and Stigma
3. Screening and Diagnosis
4. Foundations of Treatment
5. Pharmacotherapy
6. Devices and Surgery
7. Applying Foundations of Care When Obesity is the Chief Complaint
8. Managing Patients with Obesity-related Complications
9. Documentation, Billing, and Coding
10. Blueprint of Care: Putting It All Together



### How do I get my CME credit for the 2022-2023 Obesity Management in Primary Care Training and Certificate Program?

Log in to [Learning Central](#), and within each module complete the pre and post assessments, lesson materials, and evaluation for your credit to appear on your CME/CE certificate. You must complete all evaluations by March 31, 2024.

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### **Why don't I have access to the evaluation?**

Evaluations will be available once you complete all prerequisite activities within the module, such as pre and post assessments and lesson materials.



### **Do I have to complete the evaluation for the module right away?**

No. You do not have to complete the evaluation as soon as you complete the prerequisite activities within the module, but we recommend that you complete the evaluation shortly after or the same day to ensure that feedback is fresh in your mind. You will have until March 31, 2024, to complete all evaluations and generate your CME/CE certificate.



### **Will I receive a separate certificate for each 2022-2023 Obesity Management in Primary Care Training and Certificate Program module I complete?**

Yes. Each module is awarded individual credit and CME/CE certificate at the end of each module after completing all module requirements. The completion date of your evaluation will be the date listed on your CME/CE certificate. In addition to the module CME/CE certificates, individual certificates will be awarded for the Harvard Implicit Association Test (IAT) — Weight IAT, Program Baseline Pre-Assessment Program Post-Assessment.



### **How many credits can I earn?**

This certificate program is accredited by American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA) and American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). PAs can earn up to 18.5 AAPA Category 1 CME credits. NPs can earn up to 17.25 contact hour(s) of continuing education (which includes 4.0 hour(s) of pharmacology).



### **Where can I find my CME/CE certificate for 2022-2023 Obesity Management in Primary Care Training and Certificate Program?**

You can view your certificate in the module on the Certificate page or in "Transcript".



### **Approximately how many hours per week do you anticipate it will take to complete the assignments? Do learners have to complete the work within a specific time frame?**

The program is designed as a self-paced course. Participants can move through the modules at the pace they choose, however, the program will not be available after March 31, 2024. We expect participants can complete this program in approximately 20 to 25 hours.

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### Where is the handout for the modules?

Handouts for the clinical webinar can be found on the clinical webinar page within each module. Handouts for the clinical pearl webinar can be found on the clinical pearls webinar page within each module.



### When will I receive my 2022-2023 Obesity Management in Primary Care Training Program professional certificate?

Participants will receive a professional certificate from The Obesity Society (TOS). The Obesity Society is the leading medical association for Obesity Medicine in the US and globally. The professional certificate is in addition to the CME/CE credits awarded for each completed activity in this program. The certificate will be mailed by TOS to the mailing address you provide in the program evaluation within 60 days of completing the program (this will not be issued or housed in AAPA's Learning Central). Note that completions over holiday office closures may see a delay.



### How do I receive access to The Obesity Society Journal?

Two weeks after registration for the 2022-2023 Obesity Management in Primary Care Training and Certificate Program, participants will receive an email with instructions on how to create an account at The Obesity Society. Note that registrations during holiday office closures may see a delay. Access to the journal will expire on March 31, 2043.



### If I am a PA, can I submit my CME credits electronically to NCCPA?

Yes. Any AAPA Category 1 CME you complete in [Learning Central](#) is automatically transmitted to AAPA's [PA Portfolio](#). From PA Portfolio you can transfer AAPA Category 1 CME credits to [NCCPA](#). In the CME section, simply select the CME credits you wish to send to NCCPA and click Send. For more information reference the [CME quick guide](#).