



NALA Affiliated Associations - Request for Approval of CLE Program Credit

Instructions to Seminar Sponsors

Background

Established in 1976, the Certified Paralegal program is a voluntary national certification program available to paralegals and legal assistants. Through this program, paralegals are able to emphasize their dedication to professional growth by seeking admission to the Certified Paralegal program and by successfully completing the Certified Paralegal examination. To maintain the CP credential, all Certified Paralegals must submit evidence of completion of at least 50 hours of continuing legal education, including 5 hours of legal ethics, every 5 years.

To be eligible for credit, continuing education programs must be relevant to the work of paralegals. Certified Paralegals may receive credit for attending seminars in areas other than substantive law (non-substantive education), up to a maximum credit of 10 hours during any five-year period. Examples of these programs would include seminars on office management, general skills programs on such topics as public speaking, accounting, and computer training. This rule is important to sponsors of educational programs as an explanation of why some Certified Paralegals may receive credit for attending a seminar and others may not.

Approved programs must meet the following qualifications:

- Subjects must be relevant to the work of paralegals. Sessions covering such topics as federal or state rules, ethics, substantive areas of the law (e.g., torts, estate planning, family law), and procedures may qualify, provided the seminar meets other qualifications outlined below.
- Each seminar program must be at least fifty minutes in length.
- Faculty should include attorneys, paralegals, and/or attorney/paralegal teams.
- Seminar programs which require analysis and interpretation of the law by the speakers must feature an attorney as the presenter or one of the presenters. This rule applies to both the presentation of the seminar itself and the analysis and study required to prepare for the session.

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Methods of presentation should meet the specifications of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Timing

Submit your application at least 3 weeks prior to your educational program. You may submit your application by fax: 918-582-6772, or email: nalanet@nala.org, to begin the process.

Acknowledgment

NALA will respond to your CLE request by returning this completed form. The acknowledgment will describe whether the seminar has been approved for credit for substantive legal education, non-substantive education, or ethics credit. Please see paragraph 2 under Background for further explanation.

Approval of more than one program

Approval is of the individual program, not of the organizations or companies that sponsor the programs. A request form must be submitted and approved for each CLE program before approval may be publicized in seminar promotional materials.

If the same program is offered in numerous locations with the same schedule and speakers, approval will extend to the other locations at no additional charge.

A Certified Paralegal may receive credit for attending a seminar that has not been approved in advance by NALA through this process, provided the program meets the requirements the NALA Certifying Board.

Online calendar listing option

The NALA website offers a calendar of continuing legal education programs. Programs eligible to be included on this directory are programs sponsored by NALA, NALA affiliated associations, and programs that have received pre-approval for CLE credit by the NALA Certifying Board.

If your form is submitted in time, and you wish to include this program on the CLE Calendar, please check the option on the form.



NALA Affiliated Association Logo and NALA Statement Guidelines

The purpose of this fact sheet is to establish guidelines for the National Association of Legal Assistants Affiliated Association logo and NALA statement. Proper use of the NALA Affiliated Associations logo and accompanying language is a requirement and is essential for consistent communications. NALA Affiliated Associations should use this fact sheet as a reference when producing promotional materials.

Definition of promotional materials

The NALA Affiliated Association logo and NALA statement must be represented correctly in all promotional materials. Promotional materials consist of any type of printed or electronic communication that provides course information to prospective course participants.

Examples include:

- Brochures
- Websites
- Course Catalogs
- Emails
- Pamphlets
- Letters

NALA Affiliated Association logo use for websites

Your Affiliated Association may use a free-standing NALA Affiliated Association logo on your Affiliated Association's website. You may only use the approved NALA Affiliated Association logo. To obtain a NALA Affiliated Association logo for your affiliated association, please contact NALA Affiliate Specialist, Deanna Young at: dyoung@nala.org

NALA Affiliated Association logo and NALA statement use for CLE pre-approval promotional materials

Once it is determined the NALA Affiliated Association seminar program meets the requirements of the Certifying Board, the NALA statement must be used in its entirety and without alteration in promotional and other materials distributed to prospective course participants:

“This seminar meets the requirements of the NALA Certifying Board for continuing legal education credit required to maintain the CP (Certified Paralegal) credential.”

This language may be used only by authorization of the NALA Certifying Board. Reproduction of the NALA, CP, or ACP logos is not permitted.

The above statement is always required in promotional materials. Use of the NALA Affiliated Association logo with the NALA statement is not required, but is advised. The NALA statement must always be located next to the NALA Affiliated Association logo in affiliated association promotional materials advertising NALA CLE credit approval.

NALA Affiliated Association logo variations

Two acceptable versions exist for the logo: The logo may not be printed in alternative colors to match color schemes of brochures.



Version 1



Version 2



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Affiliated Association Name:			
Contact:			
Address:			
City:	State:	ZIP:	
Phone:	Email:		
Web address/link for this specific program:			
Description of Program			
Category (Specialty practice area – list two maximum):			
Title:			
Date:			
Location:			
Session Descriptions Complete for each seminar session – attach additional pages if necessary			
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To be completed by NALA Affiliated Association:

Having read and understood the requirements to be met for this seminar to qualify for CLE credit for Certified Paralegals, I submit this application for approval:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please list seminar on CLE calendar located on NALA's website

This seminar presentation meets the specifications of the Americans with Disabilities Act

To be completed by NALA:

Approval is awarded for the above described program:

Maximum number of CLE hours available: _____

Maximum number of hours includes:

_____ Ethics hours

_____ Non-substantive hours

Approval is not awarded. Please refer to the enclosed letter.

Signed: _____

Date: _____