

Professional Staff Certification for Ohio's Senior Centers

OASC also offers the opportunity for individuals to become certified in their positions of expertise through the established Professional Staff Certification Program. Each level has specific requirements and related fees. For more information on the following professional staff certification levels, contact the OASC office at 1-800-796-6272 or krc@pacainc.com.

Administrator of Aging	\$125
Sustaining Level	\$125
Professional	\$100
Senior Center Manager	\$75
Program Planner	\$75
Support Staff	\$50

Certifications are valid for 2 year increments.

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Accreditation Program

The Ohio Association of Senior Centers is an advocacy organization representing senior service providers throughout the state of Ohio. The diversity of local senior services mirrors the variety of the state's senior population. Each local provider is a core contributor to the communities that they serve and aid, allowing each senior the opportunity to remain active and live independently.

As a vital link in Ohio's aging network, it is important to recognize those providers that offer excellent services to their local senior population. The OASC Accreditation Program allows each provider to evaluate their services and establish standards that will earn them a level of accreditation that is recognized throughout the state of Ohio.

OASC is continually developing the benefits of this "flagship" accreditation program to help all providers achieve their highest potential in professionalism and service delivery.



Accreditation Procedure

Accreditation is a three-step process. Each step is required to be completed before accreditation can be awarded. Accreditation also requires the agency's director to be an OASC Certified Administrator of Aging. Providers may apply for one of three accreditation levels:

- Merit (requires 1 service)
- Excellence Level I (requires 3 services)
- Excellence Level II (requires 5 services)

All accreditations are valid for 5 years and are renewable at the end of that time.

Step 1: Self-Assessment Tool

Complete the assessment tool and provide any backup material necessary to validate the answers given.

Step 2: On-Site Evaluation

An Accreditation Committee member will conduct an on site evaluation at the agency's location. The evaluation will be based on your assessment tool answers as well as supporting documentation. The evaluation may also include interviews with staff and seniors.

Step 3: Review Board

Upon receiving the completed on-site evaluation and comments from the reviewing committee member, the Review Board will take under consideration accreditation for each applicant. This final step will take place on a quarterly basis. The review committee will also provide a follow-up document that will assist the senior center in strengthening the organization.

Accreditation Fees

Accreditation fees are pro-rated based on a provider's annual budget. The initial accreditation is valid for a 5-year period and renewable for 5-year increments thereafter. Fees are due at the time of documentation submittal.

Annual Budget	Member Fee	Non-Member Fee
\$0-\$100,000	\$500	\$650
\$101,000-\$250,000	\$750	\$950
\$251,000-\$500,000	\$1,000	\$1300
\$501,000-\$1,000,000	\$1250	\$1750
Over \$1,000,000	\$1500	\$2500

Re-accreditation fees for qualifying providers will be half of the original accreditation costs.

