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Valuing Certified Computing Professionals

Please visit the new ICCP website to get a copy of this valuable document.

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Executive Director, ICCP

Since 1973, the ICCP has worked on giving guidance to the public, employers and employees, in the information technology area, the precise guidelines towards jobs and skill sets. We are linked to the U.S. Department of Labor for job specifications.

The ICCP provides testing, standards, and assessment services for professional programmers, business analysts, systems analysts, and information technology leaders. Individuals seeking promotions and senior positions in their companies take the ICCP examinations to provide evidence to themselves, and their employers, that they have the competency skill-set that matches the best in the industry.

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ICCP Test Bank Valued at US\$6.5 million.

You can now take an ICCP test anywhere in the world.

All of the ICCP's tests have been updated. We have removed dated terminology and any low discriminating questions from the test bank. We have the world's leading test bank application for managing our items. Many certification councils during the last 30 years have contributed to the evolution of our methods, and we have captured those processes inside of our new test bank management system. This system will be given a name and released as a generic test management system for colleges and universities in 2003. All of these assets have been valued, by external assessment, at over \$6.5 million.

Students and Entry Level I.T. Professionals

New graduates, junior programmers, junior analysts, and junior systems analysts, should consider qualifying for the Associate Computing Professional (ACP) Certification by taking the CORE examination, plus the Procedural (Advanced) Programming examination or one programming language examination.



INSTITUTE FOR CERTIFICATION OF COMPUTING PROFESSIONALS

PROCTORS WANTED

The ICCP is looking for examination proctors to verify the personal identity of examination takers, and to facilitate the delivery of examinations. ICCP pays proctors a fee for this activity, if interested please contact Cindy office@iccp.org.

What is the Value of Hiring and Working with a CCP ?

The world relies heavily on technology to perform vital personal, public and business functions. It is imperative that the individuals involved in the design and delivery of the systems behind that technology;

- Uphold ethical practices in their day to day activities
- Master the body of knowledge of the profession
- Ensure that access to computerized information remains confidential
- Provide open and complete communications to clients, employers and the public
- Act to ensure that information technology serves and benefits society at large

The CCP designation ensures that its holder is committed to these principles. It also helps consumers to identify superior suppliers of Information and Communications Technologies' (ICT) products and services, that can help enhance the effectiveness of their organizations.

1. BENEFITS OF THE CCP TO PURCHASERS OF ICT SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT:

- Reduce risk: CCP holders undergo rigorous admission criteria
- Improve quality: CCP holders must complete ongoing professional development to remain current with technologies and techniques
- Identify superior service providers: Reduce time spent searching for qualified service
- Obtain recourse for unprofessional activity: CCP holders are accountable to the Certification Council and panels of peer evaluations

2. BENEFITS OF THE CCP TO INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGERS:

- Improve service: CCP certified staff ensure timely and proper delivery to clients
- Control costs: 65000 certified holders ensure needs can be met at the highest levels of professional work
- Maintain industry knowledge: CCP holders have increased access to educational and professional development opportunities and often at lower costs
- Streamline recruiting: Narrow candidate searches and identify candidates quickly
- Enhance confidentiality: ICCP Code of Ethics guarantees confidentiality at all times
- Develop staff: Ensure ongoing professional development and tracking for existing staff through ICCP's transcript system

3. BENEFITS OF THE CCP TO HUMAN RESOURCE PROFESSIONALS:

- Narrow candidate searches: CCP as a base requirement for applications reduces total number of applicant candidates to those fully qualified
- Deeper evaluation of selected/qualified applicants: The ICCP HR assessment system allows you to assess, externally & impartially, the strength of knowledge and skills of individual applicants for specific technology areas
- Simplify application screening: CCP helps identify qualified applicants quickly
- Control costs: large base of CCP holders ensures that your needs can be met
- Enhance company marketability: CCP holders enhance an organization's image
- Develop staff: Ensure ongoing commitment by staff towards maintaining the currency of their knowledge and skills

4. FINDING A CCP HOLDER IN YOUR COMMUNITY

- The public may request a search for a registered CCP holder(s) in your state or province. Contact the ICCP office through email at office@iccp.org to request this service.

In Memory of Paul Pair, Ph.D., CDP

It is with a heavy heart that we must inform you that one of our founding fathers and greatest supporters passed away earlier this year.

Paul Pair was a truly outstanding individual, a true pioneer in the field of computer technology education and was instrumental in the establishment of the ICCP.

I remember particularly his bright eyes and the magic of his words when, at the age of 98, he and his wife joined the ICCP Board of Directors in Phoenix for his induction as a Fellow of the ICCP.

His is a story that gives new meaning to the word "commitment".

He fostered professionalism in the computing field and I would like you to join me in saluting his gift to all of us and to his profession.

ICCP REVIEW COURSE SCHEDULE

The schedule below shows cities where ICCP review courses have been scheduled. If you are interested in taking this course or know somebody who is, please send an email to office@iccp.org

CONFERENCES & EVENTS

ICCP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND 30TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION: SAN ANTONIO, FEB 21-23, 2003
AITP NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE, WEST
LAFAYETTE(MARCH 2003)
COMDEX CHINA: BEIJING(APRIL 2003),
DAMA INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM, ORLAND (APRIL 2003)
CIPS INFORMATICS, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (MAY 2003)
COMDEX CANADA: TORONTO (SEPTEMBER 2003),
AITP NATIONAL CONFERENCE, ST. LOUIS (OCTOBER 2003)

FORMAT: One day review course, and one day for up to 3 examinations, except in St. Louis where we are taking two days for review, one day for all 3 examinations.

Topics: Core and Specialty Examinations

Core I.T. Skills, I.T. Management, Systems Development, Hardware, Software, Accounting, Economics, Statistics, Operations Research, Micro Computers, Networking, Office Information Systems, Business Information Systems, Microcomputers and Networking, Data Resources Management, Object Oriented Systems Analysis and Design, Systems Security, Internetworking and Communications.

Executive Committee 2002-2003

President: Jacqueline Luciano, CCP;
Vice Pres.: Brett Champlin, CCP;
Treasurer: Pat Cupoli, CCP;
Secretary: Ken Metcalfe, I.S.P.

ICCP COURSE WRITERS WANTED.

As a CCP holder you are an accomplished professional in the I.T. industry, and can earn extra money developing an up-to-date seminar on a specialty examination. If interested, please email your resume to office@iccp.org.

ICCP COURSE INSTRUCTORS WANTED:

The ICCP requires instructors, to deliver a review course to professionals looking to prepare to take the ICCP examinations. This course is two days in duration, and often runs on a weekend. Please email your resume to office@iccp.org. If you are selected, you may be invited to attend our Training for Trainers session, as required.

Professionalism is the goal.

Certification is the path. (Paul Pair)

*Becoming a **Certified Computing Professional** in the I.T. industry brings peer recognition and financial rewards.*

Become a Certified Computing Professional and be recognized as belonging at the pinnacle of the I.T. industry.

To get your CCP take the I.T. Core Skills and any two specialization examinations.

ICCP Board of Directors Meeting

February 21-23, 2003 (San Antonio)

Certification Council Meetings

January 10-11, 2003 (Cleveland)

February 21-23, 2003 (San Antonio)

NEW BUSINESS PARTNERS

ICCP AND EXCELSIOR COLLEGE (WWW.ITDEGREE.COM)

The ICCP, and Excelsior College have created a working partnership, which allows students at Excelsior College to complete their degrees, by taking their ICCP examinations. ❖

ICCP, CIPS AND SHRC (WWW.CIPS.CA)

CIPS has created an Occupational Skills Profile Model in Canada, for the North American job market. This work was done under contract by PriceWaterhouseCoopers, and is now available from them at www.shrc.ca. This body of work lists all the major job titles (junior, intermediate, senior) and work performed under each title. ❖

ICCP and AAWESum Technologies Ltd. (ATL)

(www.aawesum.com)

The ICCP, and ATL have developed a Human Resources testing system, which can be used by those companies wishing to assess applicants knowledge of subject matter in the various Information Technologies in the safety of their own office. You can now also buy the Exam Mechanic Suite directly from the ICCP. ❖

ICCP Software (available 2003) for Test Construction, Management Delivery

This ICCP software product is for Universities and Colleges to use for their test construction and management. This \$50,000 system is available to colleges and universities for \$5,000 as an unlimited institutional license bundled with Exam Mechanic Suite. ❖

President's Message

Jacqueline Luciano, PMP, CCP

Dear Holders:

ICCP's significant achievement for 2002 have been:

1. A new website design implemented and site converted.
2. Two new Exams initiated: Object Oriented Analysis and Design, and Visual Basic.
3. All test banks updated.
4. Three new certification council members added.
5. The position of associate Director of Certification created.
6. Each board meeting now highly active with a working framework for committees and action items.
7. DAMA active with establishing three new data related examinations.
8. A new test delivery system that allows complete flexibility to take examinations anywhere, which includes good security procedures and encryption.
9. Examination sales increased by 30%.
10. More booths and marketing at more professional conferences.
11. Much more focused marketing using the web search engines.
12. Greater linkage of our website with job specifications sites such as the U.S. Department of Labor.

In order to make the ICCP visible, all holders would appreciate you inviting our Executive Director to speak to your Human Resources department.

What you do to inform others of the ICCP helps market your skills at the same time.

Press Releases (2002)- please visit the website to download:

US Veterans Affairs Approves ICCP Examinations
US State Department Approves ICCP Examinations
Hong Kong AITP-Chapter and Singapore want ICCP Exams

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