



2021 COVID-19 Update: NCCAOM's Exception for Graduating Students Extended

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Dear CCAOM members and School Officials,

Based on current information concerning the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic and the severe impact on educational institutions, administrators, faculty members and students, the NCCAOM has reviewed and decided to implement an immediate extension of the COVID NCCAOM Exception for students who will graduate in 2021. The extension will expire on December 31, 2021.

NCCAOM Examination Schedule

If Pearson VUE test centers should close, the NCCAOM has worked with Pearson VUE to ensure the NCCAOM National Board Exams are deemed essential to the profession and the communities we serve. This designation will allow NCCAOM to offer continuous testing during restrictions by allowing candidates to test in designated test centers throughout the country. Please go to the [COVID-19 Pearson VUE test center](#) updates page for the latest information on test center closures. We will also update you regularly based on the decisions made by Pearson VUE.

Graduating Student Assistance

Understanding the difficult situation that many 2021 graduating students will face in light of interruptions to on-campus and in-person educational activities, the NCCAOM will continue working with ACAOM-approved and ACAOM-candidate school administrators to provide the [temporary exception](#) for all students graduating between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021. By continuing to make this option available, we hope to expedite the graduate's opportunity to obtain a state license during this challenging time. It is important to note that the candidate will not become NCCAOM-certified until they have successfully passed all required NCCAOM exams, the school has submitted their (the student's) official graduation transcript, and the NCCAOM has received the CNT certificate of completion from CCAOM.

The NCCAOM will continue to **only** work directly with school administrators and will not grant this exception directly to any student. This exception is temporary due to the current situation and will now end December 31, 2021.

- Each ACAOM School is to complete the [ACAOM School Temporary Exception Form](#) and upload list of graduates.
- Each student will receive an email invitation to submit an NCCAOM application no earlier than 60 days prior to their anticipated graduation date as provided by the school in their uploaded document.
- After the NCCAOM certification application is submitted, the student's name will appear on the School's Portal.



- The school official will then upload the student's transcript and the [NCCAOM® Student Graduation Verification Form](#). The two documents must be uploaded as one file.

Please contact Olga Cox for any questions you may have at ocox@thenccaom.org. We extend our best wishes to all administrators, faculty, staff and students during this global crisis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mina M. Larson".

*Mina M. Larson, M.S., MBA,
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