

AAFCS Pre-Professional Assessment and Certification (Pre-PAC) Founding Consortium (2007-2009)

In 2007 the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) launched an initiative to create standards-based competency assessments and industry-recognized pre-professional certifications in a variety of family and consumer sciences career areas. These new credentialing products along with related services became part of the Pre-Professional Assessment and Certification (Pre-PAC) program in the association's Family and Consumer Sciences Credentialing Center.

A primary objective of this initiative was to satisfy the needs of secondary and post-secondary education programs to meet state and federal requirements for program accountability and improvement while also providing a mechanism to document knowledge and skill attainment for use by employers in employee hiring and placement. Central to meeting these objectives was a mechanism for obtaining information concerning education and employment in the states. The Pre-Professional Assessment and Certification Consortium was created to serve in a support and advisory capacity for the program.

AAFCS recognizes those states and entities who participated in the Founding Consortium for their investment and support for the development and use of the pre-professional assessments and certifications. The Founding Consortium included:

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Delaware
- Georgia
- Iowa
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Nevada
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Virginia
- Washington
- FCCLA

A state's ongoing participation in the Consortium for the current year is possible through the payment of an annual renewal fee. With renewed participation, states have the opportunity to acquire reduced pricing on products and services, state-compiled data reports, and support for professional development. For more information concerning consortium renewal and/or participation, please contact Gay Nell McGinnis, AAFCS Division Director of Credentialing, Professional Development and Public Policy, gmcginnis@aafcs.org, 703-706-4600 or Lori Myers, AAFCS Director of Pre-Professional Assessment and Certification, Lmyers@aafcs.org, 703-706-4600.

