



2021 Afterschool Credential Challenge

Now is the time to join the growing community of afterschool professionals in New Hampshire. Submit your **completed Afterschool Credential Application** to the BCDHSC by April 1st and be entered to win an **iPad** or **\$50 gift card** to **Teachers Pay Teachers** or **Amazon**! Here's how it works...

ACROSS NH will pay the credential application fee or renewal fee for the first 50 individuals who submit a **completed afterschool credential** application by the deadline of April 1, 2021. A completed application is one that is eligible to receive a credential without needing additional documentation. Applying for a Leadership Endorsement? ACROSS NH will pay the fee for those who submit a completed application. Call (603) 206-6848 or email acrossnh@seresc.net to schedule an ACROSS NH Credential Work Session for your staff.

How to Complete the Challenge:

To be eligible for the ACROSS NH Raffle for an **iPad** or **\$50 gift card** to **Teachers Pay Teachers** or **Amazon**, individuals must:

- ⇒ Complete the **Individual Credential Challenge Application** and submit it to ACROSS NH
- ⇒ Receive Technical Assistance (TA) support from ACROSS NH in *at least one* of the following opportunities:
 - One-on-one assistance by Zoom or phone
 - Participation in a Credential Work Session
- ⇒ Be enrolled in the NH Professional Registry with the following sections completed:
 - Education and Employment
- ⇒ Submit your completed **Afterschool Credential Application** by April 1, 2021 to the BCDHSC at this address:
Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration
ATTN: Credentialing Specialist
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

The Top 10 Reasons to Get Credentialed

10. The credential is a form of recognition for your skills and achievements
9. Certain credential levels, such as the ASMP WT, ASMP IM, and ASMP PC offer increased earning potential through new professional opportunities.
8. You help gain growing respect for afterschool professionals.
7. You serve as a role model for others.
6. You have more skills and strategies to do your job which makes your job easier and more enjoyable.
5. You improve program quality by using your professional skills and strategies.
4. You continue to grow as a professional while earning a credential and advancing on the credential lattice.
3. It is evidence to any employer that you are willing to take the extra steps to invest in your professional development.
2. Your program gains recognition and respect by having visible evidence of the professionalism of its staff.
1. You will have visible evidence of your knowledge, experience, skills, and talents.

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