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National Healthcareer Association receives approval from the Medical Assisting Education Review Board for CAAHEP Accredited Medical Assistant programs

STILWELL, Kan., March 13, 2012 – The National Healthcareer Association (NHA), an allied health career certification provider, received confirmation from the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB) that NHA's Clinical Medical Assistant Certification (CCMA) meets requirements for program director certification and the certification exam outcome as found in the CAAHEP standards.

The CAAHEP is a programmatic, postsecondary accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and carries out its accrediting activities in cooperation with 19 review committees. CAAHEP approval requires National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) accreditation, which the NHA CCMA exam obtained in early 2011.

"This approval underscores NHA's ability to provide industry-leading, high-quality certification examination programs in allied healthcare that help ensure practitioner competency," said Ron Hanchar, executive director of allied health certification programs at Ascend Learning. "We look forward to continuing to partner with healthcare training schools and programs, employers and providers, and other accrediting bodies to increase the quality of patient care and patient safety through certification."

NHA has helped nearly 40,000 individuals become CCMA certified, meaning these professionals have a high level of competency in performing both clinical and laboratory procedures as well as administrative roles. Certifications such as the CCMA, assure employers of allied health organizations that their employees have reached higher standards and skill level sets. NHA's CCMA certification exam is available through more than 800 partner institutions, such as hospitals and schools, in 45 states.

NHA has helped nearly 300,000 individuals become certified in allied health professions through 10 certification programs. Healthcare certification and continuing education programs help individuals earn a higher pay scale, better job opportunities, more career advancement options and job security. NHA partners with healthcare training schools and programs, employers and providers, to increase the quality of patient care and patient safety.

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