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Pilates Method Alliance Receives Accreditation of its 'PMA Pilates Certification Program' from the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA)

MIAMI May 30, 2012 — The NCCA accredited the PMA Pilates Certification Program for a five-year period, expiring May 31, 2017 during its recent meeting.

The Pilates Method Alliance received NCCA accreditation of its PMA Pilates Certification Program by submitting an application demonstrating the program's compliance with the NCCA's Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs. NCCA is the accrediting body of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (formerly the National Organization for Competency Assurance). Since 1977, the NCCA has been accrediting certifying programs based on the highest quality standards in professional certification to ensure the programs adhere to modern standards of practice in the certification industry. To view the standards visit: <http://www.credentialingexcellence.org/ncca>.

In 2005, the PMA became a certification organization acting in the public interest by establishing and enforcing education, examination, experience and ethics requirements for certification.

There are 254 NCCA accredited programs that certify individuals in a wide range of professions and occupations including nurses, financial professionals, respiratory therapists, counselors, emergency technicians, crane operators and more. Of ICE's more than 330 organizational members, 119 of them have accredited programs.

ICE's mission is to advance credentialing through education, standards, research, and advocacy to ensure competence across professions and occupations. NCCA was founded as a commission whose mission is to help ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of a variety of certification programs that assess professional competence. NCCA uses a peer review process to: establish accreditation standards; evaluate compliance with these standards; recognize programs that demonstrate compliance; and serve as a resource on quality certification.

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