

Advanced ADA Coordinator

AADAC — The Field’s First Advanced Credential for Senior ADA Professionals

Launching November 2026 in New Orleans

For most of the ADA's history, there has been no formal credential for experienced ADA coordinators. The AADAC fills that gap. It is the first advanced-level credential in the field — designed specifically for practitioners who are past the basics — those who handle systemic compliance risk, digital accessibility strategy, complex grievance programs, and the institutional politics of making a compliance program work.

The AADAC is not a more advanced version of the ADACP. It is a different kind of program, built for a different stage of professional development.

Who Is This For?

- Experienced ADA coordinators managing complex, institution-wide programs
- NAADAC Professional Associates (PAs) — the founding AADAC cohort
- Senior coordinators who want formal recognition of advanced, applied expertise
- Professionals who have outgrown foundational training and want peer-level challenge

Many coordinators who complete the ADACP will want to continue to the AADAC as they build advanced experience. The two programs are designed to work together over time — the ADACP builds the foundation, and the AADAC builds on it. The path forward will be clearly described on the ADACP program page.

The Basics

Program length	Two years — two NAADAC annual conferences
Start date	November 8–11, 2026 — Conference 1, Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans
Minimum credits	23 advanced credits minimum across four competency areas (A–D)
Sessions	Small-cohort, applied workshops — not lectures; you bring your real work into the room
Renewal	Every 3 years; in-person conference attendance required at least once per cycle
Membership	Active NAADAC membership required throughout
PA enrollment	Year 1 enrollment fee waived for current PA holders who enroll before November 8, 2027
Webinars	Optional (not required) for AADAC credit

NAADAC Professional Associates: You are the founding AADAC cohort. Your PA credential is your entry point — enroll directly, no ADACP required. The enrollment fee is permanently waived for PAs who enroll before November 8, 2027. See the Who Can Apply section below for full details.

Who Can Apply?

NAADAC Professional Associates (PAs)

PAs are the founding AADAC cohort and may enroll directly — no evaluation process required. The AADAC enrollment fee is permanently waived for PA holders who enroll by November 8, 2027 (the start of the Year 2 conference). PAs who enroll after that date pay the standard enrollment fee.

You do not need to decide before the New Orleans conference. If you attend AADAC sessions in November 2026, those credits count retroactively once you enroll. The only deadline that affects your fee is November 8, 2027.

ADACP Credential Holders

Once the ADACP launches in November 2026, coordinators will begin earning the credential through two years of conference attendance, webinars, and the knowledge assessment. The first ADACP credentials will be issued in late 2027.

When those credential holders are ready to pursue the AADAC, they will be eligible to apply directly. NAADAC will publish the AADAC enrollment pathway for ADACP holders in advance of the November 2028 conference. For now, if you are working toward the ADACP and are interested in the AADAC, focus on Year 1 — the path forward will be clear when you get there.

ADA Coordinator Certificate (ADACC) Holders

Holders of the ADA Coordinator Certificate (ADACC) from adacoordinator.org may apply through a case-by-case evaluation process. Eligibility is not automatic and is reviewed individually. Email naadacemail@gmail.com to inquire.