

ADA Coordinator Professional

ADACP — Overview and Why It Matters

NAADAC has trained ADA coordinators for more than 30 years. This is where the field comes to learn.

The ADA Coordinator Professional (ADACP) formalizes that training into a recognized, employer-valued credential built around the deepest faculty expertise in the field.

You May Already Be Earning Credit

Anyone who attends a NAADAC annual conference or Core webinar earns credit toward the ADACP — whether or not they have enrolled. If you attended the November 2026 conference in New Orleans, those sessions count retroactively once you enroll, as long as you enroll by November 1, 2027.

This means coming to New Orleans is valuable on its own terms. You do not need to commit to the credential on Day 1. You have up to a year after the conference to formalize your enrollment and claim that credit.

Sessions from the November 2026 conference count toward the ADACP once you enroll — as long as you enroll by November 1, 2027. Enroll during the conference, after you get home, or any time in the months that follow. Year 2 sessions (November 2027) require active enrollment to count.

Who the ADACP Is For

- New ADA coordinators building foundational knowledge
- Coordinators with a few years of experience who want structured, comprehensive training
- HR, facilities, legal, and student services professionals with ADA responsibilities
- Coordinators whose employers expect a formal ADA credential

What the ADACP Does for You

The ADACP is built on two layers that work together. Core sessions give every candidate a solid, comprehensive grounding in the ADA — legal framework, accommodation, grievance procedures, effective communication, physical access, and more. Elective sessions then let you build depth where it matters most to your current job or the role you are working toward. Elective tracks cover HR, higher education, state and local government, corrections, law enforcement, physical access, and other specializations. Every candidate finishes with the same strong foundation; no two candidates have to take the same path to get there.

- Formal recognition of comprehensive, structured ADA training

- Sector-specific depth in the areas that matter to your role — HR, higher education, state and local government, corrections, law enforcement, physical access, and more
- A credential employers, HR departments, and legal counsel recognize
- Confidence grounded in 30 years of NAADAC curriculum depth
- A professional community of peers across every sector
- A clear path forward — the ADACP is a natural stepping stone to the Advanced ADA Coordinator (AADAC) for those ready to go further

What It Does for Your Employer

- Visible, verifiable evidence of investment in ADA compliance
- Reduced institutional risk through staff with formally assessed knowledge
- Demonstrated due diligence in the event of an audit, complaint, or litigation
- Staff who can engage confidently with legal counsel, HR, facilities, and leadership

If you hold the NAADAC Professional Associate (PA) credential, the Advanced ADA Coordinator (AADAC) may be the right fit. PAs are eligible to enroll in the AADAC directly, without first earning the ADACP. Once ADACP graduates are ready to pursue the AADAC, that pathway will be published in advance of the November 2028 conference.

The Basics at a Glance

Program length	Two years — two NAADAC annual conferences plus online webinars
Start date	November 8–11, 2026 — Conference 1, Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
Credits required	40 credits minimum. Elective sessions cover important specialization areas and typically carry earned totals well beyond 40.
Webinars	Nine required Core webinars (W1–W9); two optional Electives (W10–W11)
Exam	Open-book knowledge assessment, approximately 90 minutes; first cycle November–December 2027
Renewal	Every 3 years; attendance at one NAADAC annual conference satisfies renewal requirement
Membership	Active NAADAC membership required throughout the credential cycle