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In the industry for **over 30 years**, the National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT) is a certifying body that has **NCCA-accredited certification programs** in multiple allied health disciplines, including surgical technology (learn more at www.ncctinc.com).

The **TS-C (NCCT)** is the **Tech in Surgery-Certified (NCCT)** credential administered by the **National Center for Competency Testing** [www.ncctinc.com]. This NCCT certification program **holds the same NCCA accreditation** as does the CST(NBSTSA), thereby making it an accredited equivalent. Find the link to the listing here:

[NCCA accredited programs](#) [Organization: National Center for Competency Testing; Accreditation: NCCA; click the I'm not a robot box and Filter]

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National Center for Competency Testing	NCMA	National Certified Medical Assistant	NCCA	Accredited through 11/30/2025	http://www.ncctinc.com	Healthcare: Medical Assistant/Technician Healthcare: Other
National Center for Competency Testing	NCPT	Nationally Certified Phlebotomy Technician	NCCA	Accredited through 2/28/2022	http://www.ncctinc.com	Healthcare: Medical Assistant/Technician Healthcare: Other
National Center for Competency Testing	TS-C (NCCT)	Tech in Surgery - Certified (NCCT)	NCCA	Accredited through 5/31/2025	http://www.ncctinc.com	Healthcare: Medical Assistant/Technician Healthcare: Other
National Center for Competency Testing	NCET	ECG Technician	NCCA	Accredited through 2/28/2022	http://www.ncctinc.com	Healthcare: Medical Assistant/Technician Healthcare: Other
National Center for Competency Testing	NCMOA	Medical Office Assistant	NCCA	Accredited through 11/30/2025	http://www.ncctinc.com	Healthcare: Medical Assistant/Technician Healthcare: Other
National Center for Competency Testing	NCICS	National Certified Insurance and Coding Specialist	NCCA	Accredited through 10/31/2026	http://www.ncctinc.com	Healthcare: Medical Assistant/Technician Healthcare: Other
National Center for Competency Testing	NCPCT	National Certified Patient Care Technician	NCCA	Accredited through 10/31/2026	http://www.ncctinc.com	Healthcare: Medical Assistant/Technician Healthcare: Other

Organization	Program Acronym	Program Name	Accreditation	Accredited through / Verification	Website	Industry
National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting	CST	Certified Surgical Technologist	NCCA	Accredited through 4/30/2025	http://www.nbstsa.org	Healthcare: Other

The National Commission of Certifying Agencies (NCCA) is the accrediting arm of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE).

There are numerous standards that have to be met before earning NCCA accreditation. In short, a certification program encompasses many essential elements around a credential, not just the exam. In addition to the exam other essential elements are: defining who qualifies to sit for the exam, Subject Matter Expert selection/involvement/qualification, formal Job Task Analysis and survey to determine

critical job competencies, exam development, validation, psychometric analysis, cut score determination, etc..., etc..., all the way to and through credential maintenance.

An organization has to periodically go through a rigorous and lengthy process to show they meet all 24 Standards and provide evidence of how they meet such standards with policies, procedures, reports, and other documentation mechanisms.

Below are excerpts directly from the ICE website accessed today.

Find more information on NCCA and the standards by following this link:

<https://www.credentialingexcellence.org/Accreditation/Earn-Accreditation/NCCA>

In 1977, in cooperation with the federal government, the National Commission for Health Certifying Agencies (NCHCA) was formed to develop standards of excellence for voluntary certification programs in healthcare. In 1989 the name was changed to the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) to accommodate all professions and industries.

The NCCA's Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs were the first standards developed by the credentialing industry for professional certification programs. The NCCA Standards were developed to help ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public. They highlight the essential elements of a high-quality program. The 2014 NCCA Standards are currently being implemented for the accreditation of certification programs through August 31, 2022. The 2021 NCCA Standards will be implemented beginning the January 31, 2023 application deadline.

The NCCA standards are consistent with The Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing (AERA, APA, & NCME, 1999) and are applicable to all professions and industries. NCCA accredited programs certify individuals in a wide range of professions and occupations including nurses, automotive professionals, respiratory therapists, counselors, emergency technicians, crane operators and more. To date, NCCA has accredited more than 315 programs from more than 130 organizations.

Accreditation for professional or personnel certification programs provides impartial, third-party validation that your program has met recognized national and international credentialing industry standards for development, implementation, and maintenance of certification programs.

<https://www.ncctinc.com/certifications/tsc>

Candidates still need to **earn** the credential. The way candidates **earn** the credential is to:

- **qualify to sit** for the exam- see [Eligibility Routes](#)
 - USDOL registered apprenticeship program graduates **qualify to test** through route 1B---this means they are allowed to sit for the exam.
- successfully challenge/**pass** the exam
- **submit** the proper documentation (including their 125 scrubs on the [Critical Skills Competency Form](#)).

Basically, NCCT's involvement is as a certifying body. **The USDOL registration** of the apprenticeship program is what makes the graduates **eligible to sit** for the exam in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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