

# Master Certified Coach (MCC) Eligibility Requirements and Application Process

The ICF Master Certified Coach (MCC) Credential represents the pinnacle of coaching excellence. Achieving the MCC is a testament to one's mastery, deep expertise, and proven impact as a coach. It demonstrates an unwavering commitment to the highest standards of coaching, ethical practices, and ongoing professional and personal development. While the expectations are rigorous, the path to becoming an MCC is achievable for those dedicated to elevating their craft.

## All MCC applicants must meet the same five requirements:

- 1 Coach-Specific Education**  
Completion of at least 200 hours of coach-specific education.
- 2 Coaching Experience**  
A minimum of 2,500 hours of client coaching experience with at least 35 clients.
- 3 Mentor Coaching**  
Minimum 10 hours over 3+ months with an eligible Mentor Coach.
- 4 Performance Evaluation**  
Demonstrate MCC level coaching skills through a coaching performance evaluation (recorded sessions, transcripts, etc.).
- 5 Exam Completion**  
Pass a written examination.

**DID YOU KNOW?** To apply for the MCC Credential, you must currently hold or have previously held a PCC Credential, in addition to meeting further requirements specific to the MCC Credential. ICF offers two application paths to obtain the MCC. [Learn more.](#)

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# MCC Credential Application:

## What You Should Do

### 1 Evaluate Your Education & Experience

Document the education you've already started or completed. If you need to enroll and complete additional education, check out the [ICF Education Search Service](#) to find ICF accredited educational programs that meet your needs.

NOTE: Applicants may complete ICF accredited or non-accredited education to meet the educational requirements.

### 2 Complete the Credential Path Survey

Take the **Credential Path Survey** to identify and create the appropriate MCC application for you based on the coaching education you've completed.

- MCC-Level 3 Path:**  
For those who completed and graduated an ICF accredited Level 3 program with a valid program certificate.
- MCC-Portfolio Path:**  
For those using education programs other than ICF accredited Level 3 programs to meet the education requirement.

### 3 Gather Application Materials

You will need the following information and materials to submit with your application.

- Education Program Certificate.
- Client Coaching Experience Hours (total # hours as of the start of coach-specific education).
- Mentor Coaching Information (mentor name and hours of mentoring).
- Recordings & Transcripts (MCC requires two recordings and written transcripts of coaching sessions).

### 4 Begin Your MCC Application

- Create an ICF Account.
- Create and complete your profile, including contact information.
- Access the MCC application you created in Step 2 in your ICF Profile.
- Upload necessary documents, from Step 3.
- Pay the application fee and submit.

### 5 Prepare for the Exam

While your application is under review, begin preparing for the exam. Please allow up to 18 weeks for the review of your MCC application materials and performance evaluation. Estimated review times for each path can be found [here](#). You can access your application and its status online in your ICF Profile under "My Applications."

### 6 TAKE THE EXAM!

Upon approval of your MCC application, schedule your exam appointment and take the ICF Credentialing Exam.

## The pinnacle of coaching excellence!

Earning your Master Certified Coach (MCC) Credential is not just a symbol of excellence – it is a mark of distinction that sets you apart as a leader in the coaching profession.

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