

MPA Announces the MnCP credentialing program!!

The Minnesota Paralegal Association is very excited to announce its new certification program, the Minnesota Certified Paralegal (MnCP). The MnCP is a voluntary certification that seeks to establish a standard of competency for paralegals in Minnesota. This program is an opportunity for Minnesota paralegals to validate their qualifications and offers a credential to paralegals that meet certain education and experience requirements.

[Click here](#) to view the MnCP Application, which includes the eligibility requirements. The Application can also be found on the Minnesota Paralegal Association's website: <http://www.mnparalegals.org> or by contacting the Regulation Committee Chair at regulation@mnparalegals.org. Completed applications and accompanying documentation and payment should be submitted to the Minnesota Paralegal Association by e-mail at regulation@mnparalegals.org or by mail: 2345 Rice Street, Suite 220, St. Paul, Minnesota 55113.

Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are received. The Minnesota Paralegal Association will do its best to evaluate applications within 30 days of receipt, but note that at times of high volume, it may take longer. Credentialing will begin on August 1, 2014 and continue on the 1st of every month thereafter. Applications received by August 1, 2014 should be ready for award on September 1, 2014.

The new Minnesota Certified Paralegals may begin using the MnCP designation on the first of the month following notification of their accepted application. For example, if you receive notification of your MnCP credential on September 10, 2014, you are eligible to use it beginning October 1, 2014. The form of the credential should be in the following format: your name, any applicable RP® or CRP™ credential, then the MnCP credential, i.e. either "Jane M. Doe, RP®, MnCP," or "Jane M. Doe, MnCP." It would be good practice to follow it up on a signature block with the full title, "Minnesota Certified Paralegal."

New MnCP's will receive a frameable certificate from the Minnesota Paralegal Association recognizing their achievement, they will be recognized on MPA's Facebook page, and they will be recognized in the issue of Citations following their credentialing.

Once they receive the MnCP, individuals wishing to maintain their credential will be required to complete and record 10 CLE credits, including 1 ethics credit, every two years. The CLE credits may cross over with RP®, CRP®, or other CLE requirements. The individual will renew credentials every two years, due by the anniversary of the date they received their credential.

Any questions can be directed to the Regulation Committee by e-mailing regulation@mnparalegals.org.