

SYTA Safety & Certification Program

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Today's Agenda

- SYTA Certification/Accreditation Program
- International Travel Safety Resource Guide
- Emergency Response Planning Guide
- Monthly Safety Blog



SYTA Certification/Accreditation Program

- Accreditation program in need up of updating



Our objective: *To establish a credible certification program for SYTA members and after a period of time, seek to have that certification program accredited. By rule an organization must have 12 months experience managing its certification program before applying for accreditation.*

Accreditation vs. Certification

- Name change suggested
- Institute of Credentialing Excellence (ICE)
- National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA)
- NCCA established in 1987



Why Seek Accreditation?



1. Adds significant credibility and recognition to the high standards we impose on ourselves.
2. Further solidify SYTA and its members as the true leaders in student travel industry.
3. If We don't, they may very well be established for us.

Partnerships with Schools

- School Travel Forum - STF
- Learning **O**ut-side the **C**lassroom - LOtC



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Specific Plan

- Review current standards - **In Progress**
- Develop Proposed Standard Enhancement - **June 2018**
- Introduce to Membership - **August 2018**
- Launch Certification Program—**January 2019**



Accreditation Definition



- Accreditation is the process by which a credentialing or program is evaluated against defined standards, and when in compliance with these standards, is awarded recognition by a third party. The National Commission for Certifying Agencies or NCCA is one of these such agencies.

International Safety Guide

- Passports & Visa's
- Airline ticketing
- Supplier Inspections
- Activity Inspections
- Emergency Contact Lists
- Discipline guidelines, and
- Tour guide orientation and training



International Safety Guide *cont.*



- Risk Assessment tools
- Incident Management
- Medical Information
 - Webinar Feb 7th 1pm est.

Emergency Response Planning Guide

- Framework tools
- Guidance for building an effective plan
- How to assemble the right team
- In the end, you still have to do the work



Safety Blogs



- Blog post for Teachers on Teach & Travel Site
- Blog post for Tour Operators on Members section SYTA.org
- First Blog – Importance of travel insurance
- Free Consultation

Any Questions?



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