



NAHP Certification Council Policies

Proper Use of the Credential

NAHP's certification marks represent the highest standards of excellence in the field of healthcare and are valuable assets of NAHP. Professionals authorized by NAHP to use its certification marks benefit from both our long history of high ethical and educational standards and the public recognition of NAHP's certification marks as symbols of professional accomplishment.

After receiving official notification of the NAHP designation, meeting all eligibility requirements, and passing the examination, individuals may use their credential in all correspondence and professional relations. The credential is typically used after the certificant's name following any academic degrees and licensure (e.g. Mary Smith, BS, NRDA). If you hold multiple NAHP certifications, list them in order they were obtained, with the most recent first.

Examples

Correct Use:

- John Doe is a Nationally Registered Certified Surgical Technician® certificant
- John Doe, Nationally Registered Certified Surgical Technician® certificant
- John and Jane Doe are Nationally Registered Certified Surgical Technician® certificants.
- Nationally Registered Certified Surgical Technician®
- John Doe, NRCST

Misuse:

- ABC employs three Certified Surgical Technician professionals
- John Doe, CST