Please be advised that as of July 1, 2001, there is no longer a mandatory testing requirement for GCSAA educational programs. This change will be reflected throughout the GCSAA curriculum and will include GCSAA Conference Seminars, Regional Seminars, Chapter-Administered Seminars and External Education programs.

Instructors may still give a test if they so desire; however, this requirement will no longer distinguish a PDU offering from a CEU offering. The Education Department would strongly recommend that there still be some form of assessment for the educational offering so that members can be sure of having gained something from the program.

To be eligible for PDUs and CEUs, a program will still need to meet the 3.5 hour time requirement. With the elimination of the mandatory testing, you might be wondering how to determine whether an offering should be eligible for PDUs or CEUs. Please use the following definitions to help you make that decision:

To qualify for CEUs - A program/seminar/session must have clear, written learning objectives on a single topic area that is at least 3.5 hours in length.

To qualify for PDUs - A program/conference with no specified learning objectives on several diverse session topics that are each less than 3.5 hours in length. The combined sessions must be at least 3.5 hours in length.

When preparing your own conferences and meetings, if you have a program that stands alone from the rest of your conference, you might consider this for CEUs, as long as it meets the other requirements listed above.

For questions about PDU requirements, please contact Penny Mitchell, Senior Manager of Certification at (800) 472-7878, ext. 484 or mail to: pmitchell@gcsaa.org. If you have questions about CEU requirements, please contact Nicolas Shump, Education Sales and Program Coordinator, at (800) 472-7878, ext. 650 or mailto:nshump@gcsaa.org.

Additional information will be posted on the Chapter Extranet in the following weeks.