

TWO HELPFUL RESOURCES ON THE NEW ICF CREDENTIALING EXAM... AND MORE!

Hi, I'm **Anne Kelly, ICF Coach, Trainer and Mentor**. Thank you very much for stopping by my blog. I have articles and resources here that **clarify the ICF credentialing process**. That's my goal – to make that **easier for you**.

Today I'm sharing two resources on the new – new-ish **ICF credentialing exam**. So this is for **coaches preparing to apply for a credential** or **preparing to uplevel to the next credential**. And taking that new exam is part of their application process.

I have two resources, [one from the ICF](#). Another is an article that I wrote, particularly the ICF document, 10 pages, dense and rich with resources.

Likewise, mine, a little bit different mine is somewhat anecdotal, from **speaking with coaches who have taken the exam**, also from **speaking with Coach educators** like myself and trainers, and how we train coaches to do best in that environment. So there are hints in there on my article about doing that and loads of great information in the ICF document as well.

I just have a couple of tidbits I'll throw in here on the video that may not show up in the two articles. **Don't expect any leeway from the Proctors of the exam**, whether you're taking the exam at home or in the training center. Do everything you can to set yourself up to have the best experience you can.

I can't sit for three hours. So I'm going to **ask for an accommodation**, so that I, if need be, I can get up and move around a little bit. So I'm comfortable, I'd be nice to myself when I do that. If you need an accommodation, think in those terms now. **Apply for those before the exam** for any accommodation that you'd like. But do not leave it on the, “Oh, I'll just ask him for a few extra minutes,” or, “Can I take a little longer in the bathroom?” That's not going to happen from what I'm hearing from others in that environment. Nor should it, that's the value of a proctored environment.

I want to tell you **my biggest takeaway** from listening to another coach talk about taking the exam. And that was **choose the best ICF answer**. So I want to explain that by giving you my scores on the coach knowledge assessment nine years ago, I scored – there were five competency areas then – areas, not five competencies, five competency areas. My scores were something like 100, 99, 100, 94 and 75 was the final facilitates client growth.

I was answering their questions based on what I did. And my weakest area were the facilitating client growth competencies. There were four at that time. That was my weakest area. That was my lowest score. I was choosing the answers on the exam that look like what I did. **Choose the answers the ICF would like to see at a higher rating upper coaching level**. So that stuck with me. That stuck with me. Choose the answer **perhaps not that you would do not perhaps not your style**, but that you know on paper is the better coaching answer.

And then just know **you can take the exam again if need be**, I think there's an additional cost. And they ask that you wait two weeks before you do that, but that's an option to take the exam. Again, if you need to.

Find additional articles here on credentialing and how to make that easy. Again, **check back often** because I do write and add to the blog.

And if you have in-depth questions, if you're getting ready to apply to another level, if you need some continuing education training, mentoring, please, please know **you can schedule a zoom with me**. Let's chat. I'll be happy to answer your questions around credentialing. You can get a feel for whether some of my training programs might work for you and what it would be like to work together and partner on your ICF credentialing.

So **thank you again for watching**. I hope you have a great rest of your day.