**Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS)**

The Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS) designation program teaches the technical, business management, and customer service skills essential to competing in the fastest growing segment of the residential remodeling industry: home modifications for the aging-in-place.

The baby boom generation has many choices as this large population of potential clients for remodelers, builders, contractors and occupational therapists considers where to live – but overwhelmingly, seniors would prefer to stay in their own homes. The CAPS designation offers your potential clients what they need most: reassurance that you’ll help them make the choices that will help them stay in their homes safely and securely.

In addition, the CAPS designation helps you make your clients’ homes more “visitable.” Even if the home owners don’t think they need additional task lighting, grab bars, and other home modifications for their own use, their family members and visitors might. CAPS helps you help your clients make the right choices, and it gives you more security in remodeling market niche that’s continuing to grow in popularity.

How to Earn Your CAPS

Get the technical, business management and customer service skills essential to competing in the fastest-growing segment of the residential remodeling industry: home modifications for the aging-in-place market. Earn NAHB's Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS) designation and become the expert in your market.

Required Courses

* [Marketing and Communication Strategies for Aging and Accessibility (CAPS I)](https://www.nahb.org/en/learn/course-overviews/marketing-communication-strategies-for-aging-accessibility-caps-1.aspx)
* [Design/Build Solutions for Aging and Accessibility (CAPS II)](https://www.nahb.org/en/learn/course-overviews/design-build-solutions-for-aging-and-accessibility-caps-2.aspx)
* [Business Management for Building Professionals\*](https://www.nahb.org/en/learn/course-overviews/business-management-for-building-professionals.aspx)

\* Designation holders exempt from this requirement are CGR, GMR, CGA, CGB, GMB, CGP, Master CGP, CR, CKD, CBD, CMKBD, AIA, Professional ASID, GRI and CCIM. Individuals who have earned an MBA from an accredited university within 10 years of submitting a CAPS graduation application also are exempt, but encouraged to take the course because it focuses on business principles relevant to residential construction.

Graduation Requirements

* Complete and submit the [online CAPS graduation application](https://www.nahb.org/en/learn/designations/certified-aging-in-place-specialist/how-to-earn-caps/caps-product-group.aspx) or the [print version](https://www.nahb.org/~/media/Sites/NAHB/Learn/Designations/caps/CAPS-graduation-application.ashx?la=en)
* Submit a signed copy of the [CAPS code of ethics pledge](https://www.nahb.org/~/media/Sites/NAHB/Learn/Designations/caps/CAPS-code-of-ethics-pledge.ashx?la=en) or agree to the terms electronically
* Remodelers/Contractors are required to submit the following documentation:
  + Proof of liability insurance and workers' compensation insurance, or be an employee of a company that holds both (where required by local jurisdiction)
  + A valid [business license](http://www.nascla.org/licensing_information) (if state required)

Course Fees

Local course fees are determined by the HBA or other educational license holder that holds the classes.

National Fees:

* $279 member
* $419 non-member

Graduation and Renewal Fees

* Premium Option: NAHB will mail you a graduation kit that includes a customized CAPS plaque, lapel pin, ribbon, and a sample of the "Make Your House a Home for a Lifetime" consumer brochure.
  + $145 member
  + $218 non-member
* Standard Option: kit available online only (includes downloadable designation certificate)
  + $75 member
  + $110 non-member
* Annual Renewal Fees:
  + $55 member
  + $83 non-member

Continuing Education Requirements

Designation holders are required to complete 12 hours of continuing education every three years from building industry-related educational activities. A maximum of two hours of continuing education can be earned by participating in community service projects, which can include any work done for the public good without compensation.

CE credits can also be earned through the purchase of a [BuilderBooks](http://www.builderbooks.com/?;;NAHB00) publication or title (one hour of CE credit for every book, with a maximum of three hours every three years). BuilderBooks titles must be housing industry-related or related to the designation topic area.

Designees are not required to send in proof of CE earned at time of renewal. If they are chosen for a random audit, NAHB will contact them directly and ask for the proof of CE at that time.