Are you a quiz wiz?

For the past three years, ACMPE certified members and Fellows have been testing their knowledge — and racking up continuing education (CE) points. Have you?

The ACMPE Board of Directors approved quizzes for MGMA Connexion magazine articles for ACMPE CE credit in 2009. They are free to members, meet distance-learning criteria for interaction, offer feedback for learners, and enable members to demonstrate personal and professional development.

Quizzes are designed to promote active reading — a term that refers to the ability to retain information presented — by providing feedback. Quiz questions allow you to practice retrieving information from memory and focus attention on the most important learning material. They also provide feedback about misconceptions and repeat core concepts to reinforce information.¹

“It is beneficial to take the quizzes after reading the articles, so you can test what you learned and maybe learn more,” says Kari Clark, CMPE, MGMA-ACMPE member, practice administrator, Wichita [Kan.] Surgical Specialists.

Behind the scenes

ACMPE staff members assess feature articles and select a piece with broad appeal and concepts we can test on. Frequency varies for quizzes, which take about 45 minutes to complete, according to Brian M. Ramos, MBA, MGMA-ACMPE member, director of practice operations, Plexus Management Group Inc., Westwood, Mass.

Once the article is selected, ACMPE staff members create the assessment and post an ACMPE symbol on the article to alert members to the credit opportunity. Quizzes are posted online near the end of the month in which the magazine is published at mgma.com/ACMPEcredit. Once you complete the quiz, go to mgma.com/myTranscript and select the Distance Learning: Assessments option under Add New Credits.

Uses for the ACMPE participant

Reading an article and completing the corresponding quiz can be submitted for one hour of ACMPE CE credit.

“I am going to read the articles regardless, so it is a bonus to take a few minutes to complete the quiz and receive ACMPE credit, too,” says Clark, who describes the quizzes as “hidden jewels.”

In addition to CE credits, ACMPE nominees use quizzes as study aids while preparing for ACMPE exams. It is important to note, however, that they are not designed as test preparation and contain different questions that do not receive the extensive review to which exam questions are subject.

Notes:


ACMPE certified members and ACMPE Fellows must earn at least 50 hours of continuing education every three years to maintain their credentials. Record all activities on ACMPE transcripts by the Dec. 31 deadline. For information on other approved activities and submission of hours, visit mgma.com/ACMPEcredit.

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