

# Professional Accreditation for Telecommunications

## Our Mission

Our commitment is to provide accredited programs of continuing study enabling telecommunications professionals to develop and maintain professional skills, and to enhance the strategic position of their organizations.

## Our Objectives

- Provide a quality telecommunications and information systems curriculum, including technical and managerial components.
- Maintain standards of proficiency for telecommunications professionals.
- Develop programs that will provide practical applications, strategies and cost effective solutions.
- Award CEU's for achievement of proficiency standards and certify completion of program.
- Strengthen the strategic position of each organization by enhancement of the managerial and technical skills of the telecommunications professional.

## How to Become Certified

*Here is how you can receive certification:*

- Successful completion of 100 hours of sanctioned PAT courses. Successful completion is determined by the passing score of 70% or higher on the test given after each course. These courses are offered at various locations throughout the country and are sponsored by state telecom associations and user groups.

## **How to Maintain Certification**

Certification is valid for a two year period. In order to maintain CTPH for PATH status, the following continuing education requirements apply:

A minimum of five units may be earned within certain limitations as an instructor, a consultant, a participant, student, or by managerial experience:

- One CEU per year for continuous employment in telecom.
- One CEU per year for employment as a full-time consultant in telecom.
- One CEU per year for service as an officer in a state, regional, or national Telecom organization.
- One CEU per credit hour from an accredited college or university in Management Telecom, or Information Systems.
- One CEU per ten hours as an instructor of telecom courses/PAT courses (cannot receive credit for conducting multiple sessions of the same course). (Note: 8 hours=0.8 CEU's)
- One CEU per ten hours as a participant of telecom/PAT courses.
- One CEU per ten hours as a participant at Management, Telecom, or Information Systems seminars.

### **Definition:**

One CEU = Ten contact hours.

Five CEU's (or 50 contact hours) in a two-year period.

### **Validation Requirements:**

Continuous employment: Letter from administration

Consultant in Telecom: Letter from client(s)

Service as an officer: Letter from organization(s)

Credit hours from college: Copy of transcript

Telecom/PAT courses

Presenter: Copy of program/agenda

Seminar Participant: Copy of agenda, documentation of CEU's granted