



Here are some tidbits to help you when selecting an organization to assist you in the curriculum/academic arena:

- Check out organizations options in the areas of curriculum and academics...
- Be up front and ask about their accreditations...
- Know what accreditations matter...for example, a CITA accreditation is widely recognized by academic institutions and schools in the U.S. and around the world.
- Know what you are needing in terms of academics and curriculum so that you can clearly express your organization's needs
- Ask questions about this organization...what is their experience in your industry, do they have references for you to contact, and can they work with your current program?

Another important point is to find out what that organization's capabilities are:

- Do they have options to help your program participants...?
 - accelerate their learning
 - make up credit deficiencies
 - find their interests
- Can your program participants take just one class? or two? or do they have to enroll as a full-time student?
- Can the organization provide you with a comprehensive curriculum review or do you have to use their materials?
- Can the organization develop an accredited customizable curriculum based on your program content and activities?
- Can the organization offer your program participants accredited courses that WILL count when transferring back to a school?
- Can the organization provide flexible courses with open entry and open exit options?
- Can the organization provide more than one course delivery option (Internet or print-based)?

More information:

[NATSAP Conference presentation](#) - by Jennifer Blackstone MAEd

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