

# Abstinence Certification

## Are You Abstinence Certified?

Certification will benefit all abstinence educators.

The Certification process began several years ago. The basic reasons for providing it are two fold. First, when No Child Left Behind was passed, it included a provision that teachers must be certified in the subject they are teaching. While, the law is not yet applied to abstinence education, this program is the foundation that will keep us ahead of the curve. Second, the abstinence education community was lacking the ability to prove that the educators were credible and qualified to teach abstinence education. By passing the certification test, a certified abstinence educator can say, "A group of 40 professionals in fields such as child psychology and developmental education advised on or wrote a test that I passed, which demonstrates that I have the baseline knowledge on STDs, abstinence and relationships needed to teach abstinence education."

Level 1 is designed for people with fewer than five (5) years experience in abstinence education. It shows that you know the definition of abstinence education, and that you understand the risks of unmarried and teen sexual activity. Level 2 is for people with more than five (5) years experience. It includes an understanding of abstinence education models, classroom management skills, and more in-depth, medically accurate knowledge on contraception and STDs.

The test is available on-line and can be taken 365 days a year. Passwords are assigned and instructions are given once someone registers and pays for the test. **We recommend the *Abstinence 101* book as a study guide for the Level 1 test.** The book will also help with Level 2; test also covers skills and knowledge that come from presenting abstinence education.

**The Abstinence Clearinghouse is offering two levels of Abstinence Certification to qualified educators.**

**Level 1: \$50.00\*      Retake Fee: \$25.00**

This test includes basic abstinence education knowledge and history

**Level 2: \$100.00\*      Retake Fee: \$50.00**

This test includes advanced history and knowledge of abstinence education and Title V Section 510 Abstinence Education Guidelines (A-H).

\*Registrants are allowed to take the test one time, but may retake it for the additional fee.

The test will be administered online. Passwords and instructions will be distributed via email.

\* Those interested in the Level 2 test must pass Level 1 and have five (5) years of abstinence education experience

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