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ACAC Program Completes Circle for Mold Certification

Knowledgeable individuals seeking entry-level certification as mold investigators can now earn an ACAC designation, thanks to the recent launch of the Council-certified Structural Mold Investigator (CSMI) program.

The CSMI is a “first step” credential for those who plan to become accredited professional mold investigators. As such, it carries no field experience requirement other than current employment in the field of mold investigation.

“Our accredited certifications for mold investigators require at least two years of verified field experience,” said Charlie Wiles, ACAC executive director, referring to the well-known Council-certified Microbial Investigator (CMI) and Council-certified Microbial Consultant (CMC) programs. “The CSMI allows newly trained mold investigators to be ACAC-certified while they accumulate the experience necessary for our higher designations.”

CSMI recertification requirements encourage certificants to prepare for promotion to the CMI designation, which is third-party accredited by The Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB), or the CMC designation, which is accredited by both CESB and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

“We have long anticipated offering committed trainees a clear path toward an accredited professional credential,” Wiles said. “We are proud to welcome those with verified industry knowledge into the ACAC family.”

Candidates for the CSMI must pass the psychometrically rated CSMI examination, which is based on the same reference texts as the CMI and CMC programs. Passing the closed-book exam requires a working knowledge of common biological agents and exposures as well as accepted techniques for investigation, assessment and remediation of structural mold issues. The CSMI examination is conducted at any one of more than 750 approved proctoring locations around the world.

All CSMI applications are subject to board review by a nationwide panel of industry peers. The CSMI certification is awarded by unanimous vote only.

Though a specific training course is not required, ACAC recommends that candidates seek formal training to prepare for the examination. Independently accredited training courses are listed on the website of ACAC’s sister organization, the Foundation for Accredited Learning (www.accreditedlearning.org).

The American Council for Accredited Certification (ACAC) is an independent, non-profit certifying body founded in 1993 to serve the indoor air quality industry. ACAC offers third-party accredited personnel certifications in fields related to indoor environmental consulting, remediation and management. ACAC certifies more than 3,000 professionals across North America and overseas. For more information, visit the ACAC website at www.acac.org.