

Hello KMGMA Members,

We have a brand new year, and I am sure many of you have made personal resolutions. I have a suggestion for you! Make this the year you resolve to achieve certification through the American College of Practice Management Executives!

The fact that we are so spread out all over Kansas has made it difficult to offer a study group to prepare for the examinations, but thanks to modern technology, we are putting together an on-line study group, so that no matter where you live or what time constraints you have in your busy lives, you can have access to information to help you along the path to certification.

Here is how the study group is going to work: E-mail me your interest. Every Wednesday, starting January 20th, I will e-mail you the work for the week, including a sample essay question and a sample objective test. MGMA has agreed to grant 2 CEU's per week as long as you complete the test questions (both essay and objective) and return them to me. I have Certified and Fellow members available to grade your essays and give you some positive tips for writing successful essays. When you have completed the self-study on-line program, sign up for the examination, and you are ready to go!

Here is more good news! The computerized examinations will be held in March, May, and July every year at a community college near you. You will have a week during each test month when you can take your exam (although you can only take it one time during each test period). Now your traveling will be minimized as well! There will still be a paper and pencil exam every year at the MGMA national convention.

Professionalism is the goal for which we all strive. Becoming certified shows your colleagues, your bosses, and most of all yourself that you are a PROFESSIONAL!

Send me an e-mail today to tbird@kammco.com and you will be off and running on a great adventure. Don't hesitate to ask questions. You are welcome to call me at 913-384-8991 as well.

Hope to hear from many of you soon. You can do this!

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