

FAQ – Leadership & Communication

Do I have to complete service activities?

Yes, regardless of which option you choose, completion and documentation of service activities is required. Completion of these activities demonstrates your leadership and communication skills and competencies.

Which option should I choose?

The option you should choose is a personal decision. You should carefully consider the time investment and the practicality of each option to determine what fits your specific situation best.

I've already completed option 1, the ASCS "Principles of Golf Course Leadership and Communications" certificate. Do I have to do it again?

No – this can be completed before or during your application period. If you've already earned the certificate, it will count towards your CGCS application.

I've already completed some or all of option 2, the service activities. Do I have to do these again?

No – these can be completed before or during the application period. If you can provide documentation of these activities, they will count towards your CGCS application.

What qualifies as a published article? What qualifies as a presentation?

CGCS Leadership and Communication requirements follow the same guidelines as GCSAA service/education points, as outlined in the CGCS Code of Standards (Chapter VII).

Published articles must:

- Meet a 400-word minimum if published in a chapter or trade publication
- Meet a 600-word minimum if published in *GCM*

Informative articles—including messages from the President, committee reports, or meeting summaries—will not be accepted.

Presentations must:

- Be golf-centric
- Be at least 15 minutes in length
- Be outside the scope of regular job duties