



National Conference of Insurance Legislators Institute for Insurance Policy

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General Information

The *NCOIL Institute for Insurance Policy* was created by NCOIL in partnership with the Griffith Insurance Education Foundation to help NCOIL member legislators better understand the principles underlying today's dynamic risk management and insurance issues. It is a professional certification program available only to NCOIL member state legislators. The curriculum is designed to provide state legislators the background they need to make better-informed public policy decisions on insurance and insurance-related issues. The Institute provides educational courses, workshops, presentations, and panel discussions on the basic principles of risk management, how the insurance mechanism works, and how risk management principles can be applied to current risk and insurance issues.

The *Institute* is open to all NCOIL contributing member legislators and is free-of-charge. Courses are offered at stand alone seminars held periodically at various locations and at each of NCOIL's three meetings throughout the year.

Noted professors of risk management and insurance from some of the most respected business schools in the country are the Institute's faculty. The professors not only teach the basic principles courses but also conduct objective background information workshops on specific issues being addressed in committee and assist by providing an academic's viewpoint on general session panel discussions.

By attending a specified number of courses, presentations and panel discussions at NCOIL meetings and seminars, NCOIL member legislators can earn an "Associate" (AIP) or "Chartered" (CIP) insurance policymaker certification. While any NCOIL member may attend any of the courses, presentations and panels, in order to pursue an "Associate" or "Chartered" certification they must complete a specified series of courses.

Specific core courses must be taken for each certification. Electives are offered to supplement core courses and to address current topics.

The NCOIL Institute Curriculum

The Basic Principles Series: Introductory (Core) Courses

Risk Management Concepts and the Principles of Insurance
Mortality & Longevity Risks: The Role of Life Insurance, Annuities, and Long-Term Care
Property and Liability Risks: Protecting Our Assets
Employee Benefits & Health Care Risks: Protecting Our Future
The Business of Insurance: How Insurance Companies and Markets Work
Risk Management & Public Policy: The Role of Legislation and Regulation in Risk Management and Insurance

Current Topics Series: Issue Specific Workshops

Each current topics luncheon workshop conducted at NCOIL meetings provides one credit toward an NCOIL certification (e.g., the Medicare Part D Workshop in July 2006, the National Flood Insurance Program Workshop in November 2006, the Auto Insurance Reform Workshop in March 2007 and the Principles-Based Regulation Workshop in February 2008).

General Session Series: Roundtables and Panel Discussions

Each general session panel conducted at NCOIL meetings provides one credit toward an NCOIL certification (e.g., Attorneys General and Insurance Policymaking: Courting State Regulation in July 2007, Paying for Natural Disasters: Government Versus the Free Market in November 2007, Interstate Compacts: An Idea Whose Time is Now in November 2007, The Solvency Revolution: Subprime Lending and International Accounting in March 2008 and Protecting the Home: Government Solutions Versus Personal Responsibility in March 2008).

Associate Insurance Policymaker (AIP) Certification

An “Associate” certification requires attendance at all Basic Principles sessions and four sessions from either the Current Topics Series or General Session Series. The AIP certification can be attained by attending one day of core courses the day before the NCOIL annual meeting and three elective sessions at NCOIL meetings throughout the year.

Chartered Insurance Policymaker (AIP) Certification

A “Chartered” certification requires attendance at all six Basic Principles sessions and nine “elective” courses from either the Current Topics Series or General Session Series. The CIP certification can be obtained by completing the AIP certification plus six “elective” courses.

Certifications Awarded at the NCOIL Annual Meeting

Upon completion of the required courses, graduates would be honored at a recognition ceremony at an NCOIL meeting and receive their certificate and the Institute’s approval to use the AIP or CIP designation.