



PARSIPPANY CUBE CLUB  
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# Parsippany Cube Club (PCC) Official Certification Program

## Establish Your Expertise in Cubing and Instruction

The **Parsippany Cube Club (PCC) Official Certification Program** is designed for cubers who want to demonstrate their expertise in solving, teaching, and promoting the art of cubing. This program validates your ability to not only solve the cube efficiently but also to instruct others with clarity and confidence. Certification with PCC enhances your credibility as a cubing instructor, provides leadership opportunities within the club, and opens doors to teaching at workshops, competitions, and other official PCC events.

Whether you are looking to teach independently or under the PCC name, certification serves as an official credential that reflects your ability to guide and mentor others. If you choose to teach on your own, PCC certification adds legitimacy to your qualifications, signaling to students, parents, and event organizers that you have undergone a structured evaluation process. If you prefer to work within PCC, certification allows you to be considered for club-sponsored teaching opportunities, workshops, and mentorship programs, giving you structured ways to contribute to the cubing community while representing the club.

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## Certification Overview

The PCC Certification Program evaluates candidates on four key areas: **Observed Instruction, Written Application, a Knowledge Test, and WCA Profile Review**. A well-rounded cuber should not only be skilled in solving but also in teaching, communicating, and actively engaging with the cubing community. There is no age limit to become certified.

To earn certification, candidates must achieve a **minimum passing score of 85 out of 100** across the four evaluation components. The certification process includes a structured evaluation of both practical and theoretical cubing knowledge, ensuring that successful candidates are well-equipped to instruct and mentor others effectively.

The cost of certification is **\$25**, which covers exam materials, evaluation, and official recognition. Payment must be completed before scheduling the certification assessment.

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## Certification Scoring Breakdown (100 Points Total)

### Observed Instruction – 50 Points

A core component of certification is the ability to teach. Candidates must conduct a live instruction session where they teach a beginner or a small group how to solve the cube. This session will be observed and evaluated by a PCC examiner based on:

- **Clarity of Instruction (20 points)** – The ability to clearly explain solving techniques, cube notation, and problem-solving strategies.
- **Engagement & Communication (15 points)** – Demonstrating patience, adaptability, and effective communication while working with learners of different skill levels.
- **Problem-Solving & Adaptability (15 points)** – Adjusting teaching methods based on the student's needs, answering questions effectively, and providing clear troubleshooting steps.

### Knowledge Test – 30 Points

Candidates must complete a multiple-choice and short-answer test covering fundamental and advanced cubing knowledge. The test includes questions on:

- Cube notation and algorithm recognition
- Basic and advanced solving methods (CFOP, Roux, beginner's method, etc.)
- Cubing terminology and WCA competition rules
- Puzzle theory, efficiency, and cube mechanics

A strong performance on this test demonstrates a candidate's ability to explain key cubing concepts and techniques. A score of **at least 25/30** is recommended for a passing grade.

### Written Application – 20 Points

Candidates must submit a written application consisting of two parts:

1. A personal statement explaining why they want to become PCC certified and how they plan to use their certification (10 points).
2. A short written explanation of a cubing concept, such as cross-building strategies, F2L techniques, PLL recognition, or any other fundamental cubing principle (10 points).

This component ensures that certified members can clearly communicate their understanding of cubing, both in written form and in verbal instruction.



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## **WCA Profile & Experience – 20 Points**

Candidates must provide their **WCA Profile link** (if applicable) or demonstrate equivalent cubing experience. Evaluation will be based on:

- **Participation in Official WCA Competitions (5 points)** – Having competed in at least one official WCA event.
- **Consistent Sub-60 Solve Times or Equivalent Skill Level (5 points)** – Demonstrating proficiency in solving under competitive conditions.
- **Involvement in the Cubing Community (5 points)** – Contributions such as hosting workshops, mentoring new cubers, or actively engaging in local or online cubing groups.
- **Personal Achievements in Cubing (5 points)** – Any notable cubing accomplishments, such as personal bests, method mastery, or contributions to cubing education.

If a candidate does not have a WCA profile, they may submit alternative proof of cubing experience, such as unofficial competition results or video demonstrations of their solving ability.

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## **The Certification Process**

### **Step 1: Application & Payment**

Candidates must submit a certification application, which includes basic information and the required written components. A **\$25 certification fee** must be paid before proceeding to the next steps.

### **Step 2: Knowledge Test**

Once the application is received, candidates will be given access to the online knowledge test. This assessment is designed to measure their understanding of cubing theory, notation, and competition rules.

### **Step 3: Observed Instruction & Written Application Submission**

Candidates will schedule a live instruction session with a PCC examiner, where they will be evaluated on their teaching ability. The written application must be submitted before this session for review.



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## Step 4: Evaluation & Certification Issuance

Scores will be compiled within **5-7 days** of completing the final component. Candidates who achieve a score of **85 or higher** will receive their **official digital certificate** and be formally recognized as a **PCC Certified Instructor**.

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## What You Receive with Certification

Candidates who successfully complete the program and achieve a passing score will be awarded an **official digital certificate** recognizing their accomplishment. In addition, certified members will:

- Be listed on the **PCC website** as an official certified instructor.
  - Receive **priority access to PCC events**, including competitions, workshops, and special club activities.
  - Be eligible to **lead PCC workshops and mentorship programs**, helping to teach and guide new cubers.
  - Gain **official recognition for independent teaching**, adding credibility to private coaching or instructional work.
  - Receive **exclusive discounts on PCC merchandise and event registrations**.
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## Why Get Certified?

The PCC Certification Program is an opportunity to formally validate your cubing and teaching skills. Whether you aspire to become a leader in the cubing community, mentor new cubers, or establish yourself as a knowledgeable and credible instructor, certification provides the recognition and opportunities to achieve these goals.

For those looking to **teach independently**, PCC certification adds legitimacy to your instruction, making it easier to gain students and build a reputation as a skilled cubing educator. If you wish to **teach under PCC**, certification allows you to be considered for official PCC-sponsored teaching opportunities, such as club events, competitions, and mentorship programs.

Beyond the benefits of certification itself, this program encourages personal growth in both cubing technique and instructional ability. For more information, application details, or any inquiries, please visit [parsippanycubeclub.org](http://parsippanycubeclub.org).