

Frequently Asked Questions

Answers for boards, directors, and staff evaluating the NASCLA Companion Course.

Q: Does this cost our agency anything?

No. The contractor purchases the course directly through store.nascla.org — \$130 for the course only, or \$199 for the course plus the book with tabs (regularly \$217.99). Your agency is never billed and does not need a budget line, purchase order, or procurement process to adopt it.

Q: Does this replace our exam, licensure, or CE requirements?

No. The NASCLA Companion Course is designed to complement your existing framework, not replace it. It's an additional resource your agency can point to — for pre-licensure prep, CE credit (if you choose to approve it), or remedial/disciplinary education — alongside whatever requirements you already have in place.

Q: Does our board need to approve this before we use it?

It depends on your agency's own governance. Some agencies can use it immediately for remedial, CE, or board-directed education without any additional approval. Others will want board or internal sign-off first — that's the most common path for agencies adopting a new educational resource. A small number of agencies may need statutory changes, which is a longer process NASCLA can help support with model language.

Q: How is completion verified?

Each learner receives a certificate of completion at the end of the course, which your agency or board can request as documentation — useful for CE audit trails or a remediation case file.

Q: How long does the course take?

3–4 hours, completed at the learner's own pace. It's fully online and self-paced, with no instructor or live session required.

Q: Who developed the content, and is it credible?

The course is built and aligned with the NASCLA Contractors Guide to Business, Law and Project Management, and was reviewed and vetted by industry professionals.

Q: Can it be used for disciplinary or remedial cases specifically?

Yes. Boards can adopt it as a documented, educational option to pair with — or in some cases stand in for — a purely punitive response, giving contractors a structured way to demonstrate they've addressed the gap that led to the case.

Q: What if our state would need statutory changes to adopt this?

NASCLA can provide model statutory language and support your agency's process. This is a longer runway than a board-approval path, so plan accordingly — NASCLA staff are glad to follow up on whatever timeline fits your legislative calendar.

Q: How do we get started?

Email NASCLA staff at info@nascla.org to request a demo. NASCLA staff can also join a board meeting virtually or in person if that would help your approval process.