



**Take the next step in
your civil engineering
career**

ACOPNE

Academy of Coastal, Ocean, Port & Navigation Engineers

**Become a Board
Certified Diplomate
Professional Engineer**



ACOPNE was founded by practicing civil engineers who were members of ASCE's COPRI to improve the practice, elevate the standards, and advance the profession of engineers practicing in Coastal, Ocean, Port, and Navigation Engineering.

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Mission Statement

Provide specialty board certification of excellence in Coastal, Ocean, Port, and Navigation Engineering, elevate professional standards (levels of quality and performance), and better serve society.

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Why provide Board Certifications ?

- Promote excellence
- Promote leadership
- Promote ethical practice
- Advocate life-long learning
- Raise the bar



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Why Become a Diplomate?

- **ACOPNE Diplomate Board Certification recognizes you as an expert leader in the profession.**
- **Validates your knowledge, expertise and contributions to the coastal, ocean, port and navigation engineering discipline.**
- **Distinguishes your professional career and will advance your career further.**
- **Gives you recognition as one of the very select professional among your peers.**

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Why Become a Diplomat?

- Gives clients, employers, peers, and the public the trust and confidence in your expertise and skills.
- Demonstrates your commitment to high ethical and professional standards.



Advantages of Hiring a Diplomat ?

- **Assures clients that highly qualified professionals are responsible for their projects**
 - ✓ **Technically astute**
 - ✓ **Broad experience**
 - ✓ **High Ethics and Integrity**
- **Provides a differentiator**



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Advantages of attaining a Diplomate ?

Value to clients :

- ✓ **Reduced project risk and liability**
- ✓ **Advanced project analyses**
- ✓ **Reduced change orders and cost overruns**
- ✓ **Reduced project initial and life cycle costs**



Why now ?

- **Bodies of Knowledge expanding rapidly**
- **Certification programs are growing**
- **Supports continuing education requirements**
- **Engineers maintain control**
- **Develops leadership and advances technology**
- **Promotes professional development**



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Specialty Certification Requirements

- **Bachelor's degree in engineering, and a Master's Degree OR 25 years of professional experience.**
- **Valid Professional Engineering License (P.E.) or Foreign National Equivalent.**
- **8 years' Professional Experience after first P.E. license.**
- **Commitment to strong professional ethics.**
- **Oral defense of experience and expertise (may be waived).**
- **Annual continuing education.**



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BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION

- **Developing Leadership**
- **Advancing Technology**
- **Advocating Lifelong Learning**
- **Promoting the Profession**



Questions ?

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