



***“Being ACHA Certified increases my sensitivity daily, relative to the ‘design’ of quality patient care and staff environments in lieu of treating the healthcare project as just another project that generates revenue and provides opportunity for profit.” - Richard Burnight, certified since 2001.***

Dear Healthcare Provider:

The American College of Healthcare Architects (ACHA) is an accreditation body made up of experienced healthcare architects. Only highly qualified individuals who pass a rigorous exam, demonstrate their level of expertise through a portfolio of their work and meet a high standard of continuing education requirements can achieve ACHA certification. Growing stronger every year, we currently have more than 480 certificate holders in 47 of the United States, as well as Canada. Our average certificate holder has 28 years of experience, spends 90% of his or her time in healthcare, speaks at conferences (average of 9 times), is published (average of 4.5 times), and earns significantly more CEUs a year than required. You’ve probably worked with one of us.

If you are a healthcare provider involved with healthcare planning and construction projects, you will want an ACHA-certified architect on your team. Engaging an ACHA-certified architect, or hiring a firm that assigns an ACHA-certified professional to your project, confers the following benefits:

- Confidence that certified healthcare architects are up-to-date on current issues, trends and regulatory requirements
- Working knowledge of healthcare industry best practices and benchmarking
- A team member who “knows your business” and “speaks your language”
- Access to educational opportunities

If as a healthcare provider you are embarking on a new project by assembling an RFP, the inclusion of an ACHA-certified architect on a submitting team can be an important differentiator in your evaluation process. To facilitate this, we welcome the inclusion of wording such as the following in any outgoing RFP:

**Because healthcare projects are complex and highly technical in nature, they require experienced, qualified architects. Please list proposed team members who are American College of Healthcare Architects (ACHA)-certified.**

To learn more about us, please visit <http://www.healtharchitects.org/Pages/default.aspx>

If you want to know whether an individual is ACHA-certified or need to find an ACHA-certified architect near you, consult our online directory at this link: <https://acha.certemy.com/public-registry/f34ee825-f174-48b7-ace7-0f924b5e6469>.

Sincerely,

ACHA Board of Regents