

## National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Research in Canada

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### The 'Scoping Review' Project Key Takeaway Points

The NCCP plays an important role in ensuring that there is a standard associated with coaching in Canada, while also holding all stakeholders involved accountable for coach training and certification. As such, some of the important factors and recommendations that need to be considered with regards the NCCP are as follows:

- Coaches who have taken NCCP see evaluation as valid and relevant but feel there needs to be a review of the processes involved in coach preparation and evaluation delivery.
- The delivery of the NCCP throughout Canada was found to have different experiences for coaches across multiple sports, which suggests a lack of consistency in delivery.
- The NCCP needs to broaden its scope as the focus is on youth sports and needs to be adjusted to include parasport and masters level coaches.
- Sport organization managers need to avoid the “one and done” concept. This becomes important for the evaluation process as it fosters a continuous learning process for coaches (i.e., lifelong learners).
- There is a lack of clarity associated with the coach’s education pathway as it pertains to training and certification.

Recommendations for research on the NCCP are as follows:

- Empirical research is needed to examine the how the NCCP is being managed.
- An evaluation is needed to establish the effectiveness of online (and e-learning) NCCP modules that is compared with in-person courses.
- Gain an understanding of global coach education practices.
- The effectiveness of NCCP delivery through Canada can be compared between sport-specific and multisport delivery.
- Research into how and if NCCP content is being applied within a practical context.

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