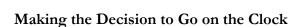
BECOMING A CERTIFIED GENEALOGIST

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- Evaluation by and feedback from judges
- Public confidence
- Validate research skills
- Online access to BCG community of professionals

Qualities of a Successful Portfolio

- Applies standards
- Determines reliability of sources and information
- Identifies and uses all available sources
- Accurately reads, transcribes, and abstracts old documents
- Understands applicable laws
- Incorporates DNA evidence where appropriate
- Assembles and presents findings in thorough and coherent manner

Application Requirements and The Process

- BCG website (https://www.bcgcertification.org/)
 - o Ethics and Standards (Genealogy Standards, 2nd edition; Amazon via BCG website)
 - Application Guide (free download)
 - Document Work
 - Research Report
 - Case Study/Proof Argument
 - Kinship Determination Project
 - Rubrics
 - Evaluation





Steps to Success: Developing an Education Strategy

Honing Your Writing Skills

- o College/Adult Education courses
- o Grammar software
 - Grammarly (https://www.grammarly.com/)
 - Whitesmoke (http://www.whitesmoke.com/)

• Online email lists, social media, blogs

- o APG List Serv
- o BCG List Serv (on the clock)
- o Facebook (e.g., Boston University Cert. Program, Evidence Explained, Genetic Genealogy Tips & Tricks)
- o Blogs (https://evidenceexplained.com/; https://www.legalgenealogist.com/)
- Our Portfolio Journey: Demystifying the Genealogy Credentialing Process, hosted by Jill Morelli (https://thecdgseries.wordpress.com/)

• BCG Learning Center

- o Resources on Key Skills; self-tests
- o Recommended Reading (extensive list of publications)
- o Educational Activities
- o Related Resources

• Home Study Course

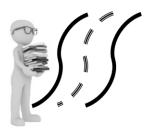
o National Genealogical Society (https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/educational courses)

• Academic Programs

- o Boston University (http://professional.bu.edu/)
- o Brigham Young University (https://history.byu.edu/)
- o Excelsior (http://www.excelsior.edu/)
- o Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies (http://www.ihgs.ac.uk/)
- o National Institute for Genealogical Studies (http://www.genealogicalstudies.com/)
- University of Strathclyde Centre for Lifelong Learning (https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/centreforlifelonglearning/)

Institutes

- Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (http://www.gen-fed.org/)
- Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (<u>http://www.gripitt.org/</u>)
- Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (http://ighr.gagensociety.org/)
- Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (https://ugagenealogy.org/aem.php?eid=36)



- Virtual Institute of Genealogical Research (http://vigrgenealogy.com/)
- APG Professional Management Conference (<u>www.apgen.org</u>)

• Study Groups

- o ProGen Study Groups (https://www.progenstudy.org/)
- o NGSQ Study Groups (http://ngsqstudygroup.weebly.com/about.html)
- o Gen Proof Study Groups (http://www.genproof.org/)

Conferences

- Association of Professional Genealogists (https://www.apgen.org/conferences/)
- Federation of Genealogical Societies (https://fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=43)
- Int'l. Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (http://www.iajgs.org/blog/conferences/future-conferences/)
- National Genealogical Society (http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/)
- RootsTech (https://www.rootstech.org/)
- New England Regional Genealogical Consortium (http://www.nergc.org/)
- Ohio Genealogical Society (https://www.ogs.org/)
- Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree (http://www.genealogyjamboree.com/)

