

1. **When will NASM start the Certificate of Distinction?**  
8/1/2015
2. **How will the students know about the Certificate of Distinction?**  
Hopefully you will explain this to the students and it will be on our new Academic website that will be launched in the coming months.
3. **What is the Certificate of Distinction?**  
The Certificate of Distinction is recognition from NASM that students earned by passing the Certified Personal Trainer exam through one of NASM's partner-schools that is curriculum based with hands-on instruction.
4. **When will this arrive?**  
It will arrive with their CPT certification in the address that they (students) created on their NASM account.
5. **How can this help my students?**  
They can use the Certificate of Distinction to add to their portfolio when they interview, add to their resume, or prepare for their future. They should use this as a springboard to discuss their experiences from attending a curriculum based hands-on institution.
6. **Can this take the place of their CPT?**  
No, the Certificate of Distinction recognizes that they passed the CPT exam while attending one of NASM's partner-schools.
7. **Can I use this for Continuing Education?**  
No, the Certificate of Distinction recognizes that they passed their CPT exam while attending one of NASM's partner-schools.
8. **How can the students explain the Certificate of Distinction?**  
There is no one answer to this. Each school and instructor is different in the delivery of the materials that prepared the students for passing their CPT exam.
9. **Do the students need to bring this with them if they get an interview?**  
This is their choice but it would be a good springboard for discussing the curriculum based hands-on learning they received.
10. **Will the potential employer know about the Certificate of Distinction?**  
It is difficult to say- it will be promoted on our new Academic web-site. But ultimately, it will be the students' responsibility to explain how the curriculum based hands-on learning helped prepare them for their future.
11. **What if a student earned their CPT a year ago, can they get their Certificate of Distinction?**  
No, only students moving forward from 8/1/2015 will be eligible. We will not be issuing Certificate of Distinctions prior to this date.
12. **What if a student didn't receive their Certificate of Distinction?**  
Follow the same procedure as if you didn't receive your CPT certificate (call NASM Member Services 1-800-460-6276 Opt 3)
13. **Is there any type of guarantee with the Academic Distinction?**  
No, the Academic Distinction from NASM means that you passed the CPT exam while attending one of NASM's partner-schools that was curriculum based with hands-on learning environment.