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# NAPT Newsletter

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## Special Interest Articles:

- Skill Building
- MSC Recap

## What are you doing to build your skills?



In the article [Most Important Employee Skills in the Workplace](#), by Mary Jane, Demand Media, four key skills are listed.

1. **Communication Skills** - Strong, effective communication skills verbal or written are essential in the work place. Listening skills are also important.
2. **Research and Analytical Skills** - Being able to test the information found in research to better your organization is a beneficial skill when looking for new product or price comparisons.
3. **Planning and Multitasking Skills** - meeting deadlines, planning schedules and multitasking shows employers your ability to handle workloads without too much guidance or hand-holding. Problem solving and being flexible can prove to be valuable skills.
4. **Leadership and Creativity Skills** - Leadership roles are not only about meeting deadlines and addressing problems but it means being able to work together with others and think creatively to find and use solution for problems, tasks, projects and assignments.

Master skills are built from repetition and dedication to educate one's self in a specific field. Master skills or trade skills are specialized skills to allow for employment.

Skill building is never ending, attending conferences, seminars, webinars, read skill building books, articles and training courses either online or in class will keep skills sharp. Master/Trade skills also need to be refreshed through conferences, seminars, webinars, continuing education and extended training courses.

Proficiency Testing training is no different. You will find most Accreditation Bodies will know how to connect you with a training course to better your skills. The internet can connect you to many different organization that also offer training. Try typing *proficiency testing training* into any web browser and you will receive over 6 million hits.

Benefits to brushing up on skills include career advancements, monetary rewards and/or promotions.

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## 2014 Measurement Science Conference Recap

NAPT offered five ILC/PTs not typically available to participants at the Measurement Science Conference held at the Long Beach Convention Center, March 12-14. The weather was great and the conference was a success.

A big thanks to the supporting organizations that made it all possible, Standridge Granite for supplying the Granite Surface plate and stands; Keith and Rob from Cornerstone Metrology for all their assistance with the Granite Surface Plate and Kirpal and Roopinder Chhokar from Eagle Eye Calibration for the Balance, Scale, Rockwell and Optical Comparator. Without their dedication to the Metrology Community NAPT could not have hosted Proficiency Testing at the Measurement Science Conference.



And, to the participants that traveled to participate in the proficiency testing - Thank you. NAPT received tons of positive feedback on how great it was to have actual testing going on during the conference.

If you missed out on the proficiency testing at the conference, no worries, you can still do them as an Intra Laboratory Comparison. NAPT is happy to manage testing for you or you can purchase a license for the NAPT Online Management Application and manage your own Intra Laboratory Comparison.



### FEEDBACK / SPECIAL REQUESTS / COMMENTS / WISH LIST

NAPT is looking for feedback from you to better its services. Maybe there is a ILC/PT you wished NAPT would have in distribution. Please send your feedback, requests, comments and wishes to [Bobbie@proficiency.org](mailto:Bobbie@proficiency.org) with the Subject Line: **FEEDBACK / SPECIAL REQUESTS / COMMENTS / WISH LIST**

# Announcements



NAPT will be **CLOSED** Friday, April 18, 2014 thru Friday, April 25, 2014. NAPT will resume business April 28, 2014.

New Tests - Protractor-114

Coming soon - Surface Finish

## Quarterly Reduced Priced ILC/PTs

Each quarter NAPT offers select proficiency tests at a reduced fee.

NAPT is offering the following ILC/PTs this quarter only for \$300:

**DMM-612**

**DUROMETER-2240**

**INSP-201**

**OSCOPE-212**

**PRESSURE-103**

**RPS-102**

This is a \$275 savings!

*\*These artifacts are outside PTs purchased in a member's ILC/Package at the time of enrollment or renewal.*

*You need not be a member of NAPT to take advantage of these reduced prices!*

### [Sign Up Today!](#)

If you have questions, feel free to contact Karen at [karen@proficiency.org](mailto:karen@proficiency.org) or Bobbie at [bobbie@proficiency.org](mailto:bobbie@proficiency.org)

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**SPOTLIGHT**

Online Management Application (OMA)

Does your organization do Intra Laboratory Comparisons? Have you looked at the cost savings of managing your very own INTRA using NAPT's Online Management Application?

In the OMA, you will be able to create your own scheme, block and generate your own reports.

OMA is 100% web based for you to access from anywhere you have an internet connection.

Contact NAPT today to learn more about the Online Management Application.

**Mission**

Our Mission Our mission is to provide our customers with the best information, tools and service to help them improve measurement processes and results through participation in interlaboratory comparisons, proficiency testing and round robins.

Our Quality Policy NAPT provides our clients with an unbiased analysis of measurement processes to enhance awareness of their technical competence and data integrity.

Our Objectives NAPT's main objective is to support our mission by providing professional management and program administration, coordination, data processing and reporting for interlaboratory comparisons, proficiency testing, and round robins.

***About Our Organization...***

NAPT is a non-profit membership association dedicated to the improvement of measurement quality.

NAPT is incorporated as a 501 (c) (3) scientific and educational nonprofit organization.



"You folks have a good organization there. I like having you as our PT provider."

*G. Greiner, Alcoa Howmet Research Center  
Member Testimonial*

"The people are friendly and helpful. A good crew. Thank you so much."

"You guys are doing a good job, keep it up!"

*Member Testimonial*

"NAPT has been able provide our industry with the appropriate types of tests related to our scope of accreditation. We appreciate your organization! Thanks."

*Member Testimonial*