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## Message from the Chair Section 1510



### Greetings from ASQ Southeast Florida Section 1510!

There will not be a membership meeting in December. It has been our experience that December membership meetings have not been well attended due to the many festivities during the holiday season. Section 1510 wishes all of its members a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.

Our next gathering will be in January 2019. Check for the details in our newsletter "The Variant," our Website and/or LinkedIn.

This will be my last message and good-by (adios) as Chair of our Section 1510. Let's welcome our new Section 1510 Chair Carolina De Leon. Carolina will be a great addition as Chair of our Executive Board. Let's us provide her with our support for another successful Section array of activities, benefits, events, etc. for our membership. As your Immediate Past Chair I will continue to give all my support and advice if requested for the fulfillment of our Mission Statement.

I hope to see you at the Section meetings and facility tours. Take advantage of our classes, seminars, and refresher courses to enhance your professional experience in the quality discipline. Meet your peers while networking and earn those recertification units (RUs) by participating in all of the above activities.

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### ASQ 1510 for Year 2019

Are you interested in joining the board of ASQ Section 1510?

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## Section 1510

# ASQ Certification Refresher Classes

To participate in an ASQ refresher class, please sign up on the web page at [www.asqsefla.org](http://www.asqsefla.org). You do not need to be a member of ASQ to participate in a class. RU's are earned for class participation. If you have a question regarding registration or class site, call Amarilis Acosta, Education Chair, at 305-298-3721 or email [amarilis13@bellsouth.net](mailto:amarilis13@bellsouth.net) please sign up at least three weeks before the scheduled class start to assure you have the textbook at first session. Any classes that do not register a minimum of five students will be cancelled. For Certification Exams dates and locations, please visit the ASQ Certification website at [www.asq.org](http://www.asq.org). All classes are refresher classes.

**\*Includes textbooks & materials**

Class	Class Name	CEU's	Fee	When	Time	Place	Instructor
IA	Internal Auditing for Quality Systems	1	\$275*	August	8:30 am to 5:00 pm One Day Seminar	TBD	Kannan Krishnan CQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CQIA, CSSBB, CBA
CQT	Certified Quality Technician	2.7	\$400*	January, August	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm 9 sessions	TBD	TBD
CMQ/OE	Manager of Quality / Organizational Excellence	2.7	\$450*	January, July	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm 9 sessions	Dade	Shawn Currie CQE, CRE, CQA, CMQ/OE CSSBB
CQE	Certified Quality Engineer	3	\$450*	March, September	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm 10 sessions	TBD	Shawn Currie CQE, CRE, CQA, CMQ/OE CSSBB Herve Cantave CQE
CSQE	Certified Software Engineer	2.4	\$375*	March, September	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm 8 sessions	TBD	Mercedes Massana CSQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CBA
CQA	Certified Quality Auditor	2.4	\$375*	March, September	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm 8 sessions	TBD	Shawn Currie CQE, CRE, CQA, CMQ/OE CSSBB
CQIA	Certified Quality Improvement Associate	2.4	\$375*	March, September	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm 8 sessions	TBD	Kannan Krishnan CQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CQIA, CSSBB
CQI	Certified Quality Inspector	2.4	\$375*	January, July	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm 8 sessions	Broward	TBD
CRE	Certified Reliability Engineer	3	\$350*	January August	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm 10 sessions	TBD	Shawn Currie CQE, CRE, CQA, CMQ/OE CSSBB
CSSBB	Six Sigma Black Belt	3	\$450*	January, August	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm 10 sessions	TBD	Kannan Krishnan CQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CQIA, CSSBB, CBA Gustavo Diaz CQE, CSSBB
CSSGB	Six Sigma Green Belt Refresher	2.7	\$450*	April, September	8:30 am to 5:00 pm 9 sessions	TBD	Kannan Krishnan CQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CQIA, CSSBB, CBA Gustavo Diaz CQE, CSSBB
CSSGB	Six Sigma Green Belt Certification	6	\$2500*	March, September	8:30 am to 5:00 pm 9 sessions	TBD	Kannan Krishnan CQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CQIA, CSSBB, CBA Gustavo Diaz CQE, CSSBB
CBA	Certified Biomedical Auditor	2.4	\$375*	January August	8 sessions	Cordis	TBD



## Job Opportunities

### *Process Improvement Lead I*

**Location:** Weston, Florida, US, 33331

**Company:** Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.

#### **Job Description**

**Summary:** Under limited supervision, responsible for establishing, leading and executing assigned continuous process improvement initiatives, acting as a liaison between operational and technical teams to identify, analyze and translate business needs into high quality process improvement solutions. Assists with establishing business cases and ROIs, consulting with the business in order to propose recommendations for senior management approval.

#### **Essential Job Function:**

- Participates on cross-functional teams tasked with solving business issues which require operational and/or technical solution providing subject matter insight with regards to operational process, policies/regulatory changes, and/or system functionality.
- Analyzes, documents and maps operational processes through workflows. Capture pertinent process step details so that opportunities for process improvements, benchmarks, key performance indicators, current metrics, and target objectives can be defined.
- Utilizes Six Sigma / DMAIC and related techniques to define improvement opportunities where deemed appropriate.
- Contributes in strategic meetings to review, evaluate, and/or propose new business opportunities through the implementation/enhancement of operational and/or technical solutions, which are intended to improve customer relationships and operating efficiencies while reducing costs.
- Creates and drives improvement plans to completion.
- Develops, maintains, and provides process expertise in order to deliver knowledge transfer to cross-functional operational and technical areas for skill development.
- Carries out responsibilities according to the organization's policies and procedures, best practices, as well as in accordance with state, federal, and local laws, including applicable safety rules and regulations.

Performs other duties as assigned by Management.

#### **Qualifications**

**Minimum Qualifications:** Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering or related field from an accredited college or university, and two (2) to five (5) years in Continuous Process Improvement and Data Analysis experience.

**Physical Requirements and Working Conditions:** Incumbents in this class are subject to extended periods of sitting, standing and walking, vision to monitor, moderate noise levels. Work is performed in an office environment.

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## Testing for Certification Exams is now Computer Based

- ⇒ Candidates will take ASQ Certification exams at a Prometric testing facility where the test is administered via computer in a Prometric proctored, secure environment.
- ⇒ The application approval through ASQ will not change. After being approved by ASQ Certification, customers will be able to schedule their exams at the nearest Prometric Testing Center.
- ⇒ Benefits include: increase in annual exam administrations from 2 to 6, availability of days to take exam from 4 to 102, convenience of retesting from 6 months to 2, increased number of testing locations, faster test results!

Visit the Website: [www.prometric.com](http://www.prometric.com) for additional information.

## ASQ Student Branch

**Website:** [asqnova](http://asqnova.com)

- Holds meetings 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month
- Planning speakers, tours, and networking events
- Site includes resumes and student bios as well as “tools” for student enrichment/development.
- South Florida businesses looking to fill quality positions may post announcements .

***Dr. Steve Kramer - Student Branch Counselor***

***April Ripley – Student Branch Chair (2018-19)***

***New officers elected to Student Branch for 2018-9:***

***Jonathan Pfiesser - Chair***

***Bismarck Amaya - Vice-Chair***

***Suzanne Afchain - Sec/Treasure***

***Shanique Mais -Event Coordinator***



Our section's group is active on [LinkedIn](#), the best-known online professional networking channel.



Then press

Join

- Join today. Stay in the know. Take part in sharing, networking, discussions, polls, and a lot more.
- Find us by typing 'ASQ 1510' under Group Search.
- It's that easy.
- Please contact Mercedes Massana Section 1510, for more information at [mercedes.massana@gmail.com](mailto:mercedes.massana@gmail.com)



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