



## HCCP Designee Spotlight: Amanda Mistretta

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Amanda Mistretta joined Raymond James Tax Credit Funds, Inc. in August 2018. She has worked in the Multi-Family Affordable Housing Industry for 15 years, specializing in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) compliance. During the course of her career, she has worked in many levels of property management as a leasing agent, compliance specialist and compliance coordinator, where she oversaw compliance reporting for a portfolio of more than 7,000 units.

Applying her education degree from St. Petersburg College of Education, Amanda was a national compliance trainer for the Housing Credit Certified Professional (HCCP) designation, providing public and private trainings to state agency, management and development personnel on LIHTC compliance. Currently, in her role as a compliance auditor, she performs tax credit initial tenant file reviews, ensuring compliance with all regulatory agency rules and regulations; manages investor relationships; collaborates with management partners on behalf of investors; and manages the annual document collection of compliance audits for the entire Raymond James Tax Credit Funds portfolio.

### **How has the HCCP designation impacted your career?**

The nationally recognized HCCP designation is the highest level of distinction in the LIHTC program. In an everchanging industry filled with different nuances that require constant learning, the HCCP designation symbolizes my knowledge and commitment to the LIHTC industry.

The HCCP designation has opened the door for me to serve as a reliable resource to help others cultivate their knowledge and understanding of the LIHTC program.



### **How did you get into the LIHTC industry?**

My career in the LIHTC industry began on-site as a resident myself. I had never heard of a tax credit property before I pulled up in front of the leasing office, but it was brand new, the rent was affordable, and my young family met the guidelines, so I was in! When the property had an open position, I was hired on as a part-time leasing consultant and quickly learned the importance of providing affordable housing. I have a passion for serving others and really enjoyed being a part of other families finding their “Home Sweet Home.”

### **What helped with your success in the LIHTC industry?**

I have been fortunate to have met remarkable people, build long-lasting relationships, and serve in a variety of roles within the industry throughout my LIHTC career. From each mentor, I gained new experience, knowledge and insight into the tax credit program. Each position challenged me in different ways in both my personal and professional growth. Today, I continue to grow by learning from and working alongside industry leaders, many of whom I call friends, and attend industry-specific trainings to stay current on the everchanging world of LIHTC compliance.

### **What’s your favorite hobby?**

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, curling up with a good book, running, paddle boarding, and serving as PTA president at my youngest son’s school.