



## HCCP Designee Spotlight: Thomas Stagg

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Thomas Stagg has worked in affordable housing for his entire career. Stagg started at Novogradac back in 2003 and fell in love with affordable housing. There are always new challenges and problems to solve. The industry is so creative and collaborative when it comes to tackling issues that it has been really inspiring to be a part of.

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

HCCP carries instant recognition with it. When people see HCCP after your name, they know you have put in the time to learn the industry and know what you are talking about.

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

Like many of us, I kind of fell into affordable housing. I graduated in accounting, and Novogradac seemed like a good place to start my career (how right I was). What I didn't know at that time is how much I would enjoy working with affordable housing.

### **What are your day-to-day responsibilities?**

Every day is different. But most days, I am working with clients to help them finance new projects, troubleshoot issues and timely file their required reports.

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

Being curious is one of the most important things in this industry. Digging into the code and guidance to know not just the answer but where it came from and what the guidance actually says.



**What's your favorite hobby?**

Right now my favorite hobby is running. I have set a goal to run 1,000 miles this year! I am sure I will lose steam sometime in July when I just want to relax on vacation, but so far so good. This includes two runs in the snow already this year — and being from Seattle, a few runs where it felt more like I was swimming through the rain than running.