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Welcome to NCTRC e-News!

NCTRC to Conduct Annual Certificants Meeting

NCTRC conducts its Annual Meeting for CTRSs at the annual professional conference of the American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA). The official meeting this year will be held in Pittsburgh, PA at the 2013 Annual ATRA Conference. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel Pittsburgh on Monday, September 30th from 12:30pm-1:30pm.

The NCTRC Annual Meeting of Certificants is a valuable opportunity for NCTRC to share information regarding current strategic initiatives and to introduce the Board of Directors, Committees, and Staff. NCTRC has several exciting projects underway that we look forward to sharing with you. We hope that you will attend the meeting at ATRA or review a post of the meeting on the NCTRC website. If you are unable to attend, please contact NCTRC with any questions or suggestions you may have about the CTRS credentialing program.

Become a NCTRC Exam Item Writer at the ATRA Conference

NCTRC will be presenting a continuing education session on becoming an item writer at the ATRA Annual Conference. The session will be on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 from 2:30pm-5:45pm. This two part session will provide in-depth coverage of the item (question) writing process that supports the NCTRC Exam Program. Participants will be introduced to item development and will learn techniques and strategies on how to write valid exam items. During the second segment of the program, participants will have the opportunity to work in small work groups and apply their newly acquired skill at writing potential exam questions. Participants are asked to bring one therapeutic recreation textbook to the session for reference use during the item writing segment. There will be opportunities for participants to earn additional CEU's for future item writing. We hope to see you there.

If you have any questions about the session, please contact Noelle Molloy, Credentialing Specialist at nmolloy@nctrc.org.

Application Review and Exam Statistics

NCTRC Exam: NCTRC conducts three exam administrations within a one-year cycle. A review of the October 2012, January 2013, and the May 2013 exams indicate that a total of 1672 individuals participated in the NCTRC exam program. Provided below is a summary table that contains the number of candidates per exam administration and the corresponding pass rate of first-time examinees.

Exam Date	# Tested	Pass Rate
Oct. 2012	631	73%
Jan. 2013	353	68%
May 2013	688	78%

New Applications for Professional Eligibility: For the period March 22, 2012 to March 26, 2013, 1381 new applications were reviewed for professional eligibility. The number of candidates that met the NCTRC Professional Eligibility Standards and thus became eligible to sit for the NCTRC exam was 1284 (93.0%).

CTRS Annual Renewal: For the period November 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, 8555 (84.0%)

individual CTRSs renewed their certification.

Recertification Application: For the period November 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, 1071 applications for recertification were received by NCTRC. A total of 95.6% of the applications were approved for recertification. Approximately 3.0% of the individuals who applied for recertification used the exam option while the majority (97.0%) used the professional experience and continuing education option.

November Recertification Exam Option

NCTRC would like to remind you that if you are coming to the end of your five year recertification cycle you can take the NCTRC exam to meet the requirements for recertification. The October 2013 exam is the only exam one can take to meet the November Recertification cycle requirements. The recertification registration deadline for the October 2013 exam is August 16, 2013. Visit the NCTRC website www.nctrc.org to access the exam registration form. From the home page, click on "exam" or use your log-in information to access the form. There are two options for submission. You can fill out the registration form online and submit it with a credit card payment or print off the registration form, fill it out, and mail it directly to NCTRC with a check or credit card number. The dates for the October 2013 exam are October 7-19, 2013.

Did you know ...

- NCTRC uses email notifications for reminders about recertification and annual maintenance applications. For an application, please contact the office.
- NCTRC has a recertification extension policy if you have experienced a life-altering circumstance or an emergency beyond your control.
- Recertification applications may be submitted up to 1 year prior to your expiration date.

Please contact NCTRC at 845-639-1439 or nctrc@nctrc.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support of NCTRC and the CTRS credential.