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Welcome to NCTRC e-News!

NCTRC Conducts CTRS Profile Study

NCTRC has completed a comprehensive survey of active CTRSs for the updated CTRS Profile Report, a publication designed to inform the public about CTRS certification and the scope of TR/TR practice. The survey had a response rate of 33% and the respondents provided a wealth of important information that NCTRC intends to share via marketing publications and presentations in the next few months.

NCTRC Seeks Collaborators for Marketing Articles

In an effort to expand its marketing reach for the CTRS credential, NCTRC is seeking to identify potential collaborators to assist NCTRC to write and submit articles about CTRSs in the practice of TR/TRT. The target audiences are potential employers and recipients of TR/TRT services. The articles should focus on showcasing the CTRS and successful or unique examples of TR/TRT in practice. It is expected that potential articles will be submitted to professional newsletters and magazines that focus on a specific disability, medical condition, or service setting. Please contact nctrc@nctrc.org for more information.

NCTRC Creates Marketing Packet for Intern Supervisors

NCTRC experienced a remarkable response to the newly created marketing packet. Over 175 marketing packets have been mailed to internship supervisors and educators. If you requested a marketing packet, NCTRC is seeking feedback regarding the content and usefulness of the packet. To order packets or provide feedback, please contact nctrc@nctrc.org.

NCTRC Recertification and Annual Maintenance Application Reminder

NCTRC would like to remind you that the deadline for submitting your recertification application and annual maintenance application is quickly approaching. For those individuals who need to recertify this May, you should have already received your Recertification Application in the mail. Please remember to have your recertification application postmarked by May 1, 2009 to avoid a \$50.00 late fee. NCTRC does accept applications up to the expiration date of June 30, 2009 with the late fee. Please be advised that NCTRC can NOT accept recertification applications after the June 30, 2009 deadline.

Annual Maintenance Applications also need to be postmarked by June 30, 2009.

Here are some important Recertification reminders:

- Please do not submit Continuing Education Documents with your application. If your application is randomly pulled for audit you will be sent a letter requesting that you submit your original, official documents to NCTRC.
- You can submit your recertification application online at www.NCTRC.org. Please go to [My NCTRC Login](#) for more information.
- Make a copy of the completed application and keep it for your records.
- If you mail your application by postal mail it is advisable to send it by certified, return-receipt mail.
- A letter of verification is required if the 480 hour TR work requirement is met with either part time or volunteer work.

All continuing education hours must correspond to one of the NCTRC Job Analysis Knowledge Codes (FKW – Foundational Knowledge; PTR – Practice of TR/TRT; ORG – Organization of

TR/RT; or ADV – Advancement of the Profession) and need to total 50 hours over the five year period.

Therapeutic Recreation Education Conference

Practitioners and educators are invited to participate in the TREC-II conference sponsored by the American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA), the National Therapeutic Recreation Society (NTRS), supported by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC), and hosted by the Therapeutic Recreation Association of Oklahoma (TRAO) on the campus of Oklahoma State University.

Please make plans to attend this historic conference which is a joint effort between ATRA and NTRS to unite the profession and advance the discussion of accreditation and education programs. This is a pivotal time in the development of our profession and all interested parties (practitioners & educators) are strongly encouraged to be present to express their opinion and to participate in decision-making which will influence the future direction of our profession.

Registration is \$50.00 plus \$10.00 for CEUs if registration is completed before May 1, 2009; after May 1, 2009 registration is \$100. Transportation from the Tulsa, OK airport will be provided by TRAO at no cost to the registrants.

To register for the conference, please go to:

<http://www.okstate.edu/education/trec/>

NCTRC is Out and About

In an effort to continuously promote the CTRS credential and educate individuals about TR/RT, NCTRC has planned a preliminary travel schedule with presentations at the following conferences:

- April 8-10: South East Symposium, Myrtle Beach , SC
- May 13-15: Canadian Therapeutic Recreation Association, Calgary , AL , Canada
- June 19-20: Therapeutic Recreation Education Conference, Stillwater , OK
- October 2-6: ATRA Annual Conference, Minneapolis , MN
- October 13-16: NTRS/NRPA Annual Conference, Salt Lake City , UT

Please feel free to stop and visit us at any of the conferences.

Did you know ...

- NCTRC is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of nine voting members including a consumer representative and an employer representative.
- NCTRC 's Mission is to protect the consumer of therapeutic recreation services by promoting the provision of quality therapeutic recreation services by NCTRC certificants.
- Credentialing of therapeutic recreation personnel began in 1956 with the establishment of the Commission for the Advancement of Hospital Recreation (CAHR).

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.