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Welcome to NCTRC e-News!

NCTRC to Conduct Two ATRA Webinars

Session B1: NCTRC Recertification: Continuing Professional Competence

This session will provide in-depth coverage of the NCTRC Recertification Standards and process. Continuing education, professional experience, and re-examination will be reviewed in detail. A discussion of the utilization of the 2007 NCTRC National Job Analysis Study in relation to recertification requirements will also be presented.

Speaker/Host: ATRA Academy Faculty: Robin McNeal, CTRS

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Time: 1:00PM (EST) /12:00PM (Central) /11:00AM (Mountain) /10:00AM (Pacific)

Duration: 1 hour

Session B2: NCTRC Specialty Certification Program

This session will introduce the new NCTRC Specialty Certification Program developed to formally recognize CTRSs who have acquired advanced knowledge and experience in specific practice settings. Session content will include an overview of the Standards, entry qualifications, and recertification requirements pertaining to the Specialty Certification Program.

Speaker/Host: ATRA Academy Faculty: Robin McNeal, CTRS

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Time: 1:00PM (Eastern) /12:00PM (Central) /11:00AM (Mountain) /10:00AM (Pacific)

Duration: 1 hour

For more information and to register go to : www.atra-online.com

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 a reminder postcard in the mail. Please remember to have your recertification application postmarked prior to May 1, 2010 to avoid the \$50.00 recertification fee. NCTRC will accept applications after May 1 and up to the expiration date of June 30, 2010 with the submission of the recertification fee. Please note: NCTRC can not accept recertification applications after the June 30, 2010 deadline.

Annual Maintenance Applications should be sent as soon as possible to ensure that there is no disruption in your active CTRS status. Please note: Annual Maintenance Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2010 to avoid the \$25.00 reinstatement fee.

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 total 50 hours over the five year period and correspond to one of the NCTRC Job Analysis Knowledge Codes (FKW – Foundational Knowledge; PTR – Practice of TR/RT; ORG – Organization of TR/RT; or ADV – Advancement of the Profession).

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 22-24: Therapeutic Recreation Symposium for the Southwest, Austin, TX
- April 26-28: Midwest Symposium on TR, Lake Geneva, WI
- May 16-18: Mid-Eastern Symposium on Therapeutic Recreation, Richmond, VA
- June 7-12: Pennsylvania TR Society, Grantville, PA
- June 9-11: Canadian TR Association, Ontario, Canada

Please plan to visit NCTRC at any of the above listed conferences.

Did you know ...

- The first NCTRC Exam was administered in November 1990 and over 20,000 candidates have completed the exam since its inception.
- Recertification applications may be submitted up to one year in advance of the five year certification expiration date.
- NCTRC has a formal Peer Review Disciplinary Review Process designed to protect the public and ensure the ethical practice by the CTRS.

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.