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Welcome to NCTRC e-News!

In an effort to keep you informed about NCTRC and issues that affect your CTRS credential, NCTRC will be providing monthly updates via e-mail. The purpose of NCTRC e-News is to provide the CTRS with a few succinct newsbytes and the opportunity for additional follow-up using internet links. Please review the first edition of NCTRC e-News and let us know your thoughts.

NCTRC to Attend Annual Case Management Conference

NCTRC is continuously searching for effective ways to market the CTRS credential. As part of this effort, NCTRC will be attending conferences outside of the field of TR/RT in order to promote the CTRS credential to various employment sectors. This June, NCTRC will be attending **The Case Management Society of America Annual Conference** from June 17-20, 2008 in Orlando, Florida. The CMSA Annual Conference & Expo is the largest case management event of the year and an excellent opportunity for NCTRC to connect with over 3000 case managers who are often involved in critical decisions about client services and care. Case managers help identify appropriate providers and facilities throughout the continuum of services, while ensuring that available resources are being used in a timely and cost-effective manner in order to obtain optimum value for both the client and the reimbursement source. It is critical that case managers possess accurate knowledge of the TR/RT process and the value of the CTRS credential. Please contact NCTRC if you plan to attend the CMSA Annual Conference & Expo. It would be great to have additional people at the NCTRC booth to answer questions and share the experiences of a CTRS. For additional information: [CMSA Annual Conference and Expo](#)

New Academic Path Option

NCTRC has established a new application path option: **Academic Path – Application Prior to Degree Completion**. This path option was created in order to assist students applying for the NCTRC exam by shortening the wait time associated with obtaining the CTRS credential. The new path option permits new graduates to apply and sit for the exam prior to the completion of their degree and/or internship. The applicant must meet specific eligibility requirements including the completion of all required coursework. For more information on this new path option, visit the [NCTRC website](#).

New Pre-Application Review Process

The **Pre-Application Coursework Review** is a new program designed to provide preliminary feedback to potential applicants regarding previously completed coursework. The new process will provide early confirmation to individuals who are not certain if their completed coursework will count towards NCTRC Eligibility. The application form and specific criteria can be found at the [NCTRC website](#).

NCTRC 2007 Job Analysis

The **2007 NCTRC Job Analysis** has been completed and integrated into the NCTRC certification process. A major outcome of the 2007 Job Analysis was the development of a new **NCTRC Exam Content Outline**. The new exam outline became effective with the May 2008 Exam. Review a copy of the [current Exam Content Outline](#).

NCTRC Promotional Materials

NCTRC offers an array of marketing materials for your use at your agencies or upcoming

professional events. All NCTRC promotional material can be downloaded in PDF format from the [NCTRC website](#).

Did you know ...

- You can take the NCTRC Exam for Recertification. Next exam available for November Recertification cycle: October 2008 Exam
- You can submit your Recertification application up to one year in advance of the due date
- June 30, 2008 is the last date to submit Annual Maintenance and Recertification for the May cycle

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.