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Welcome to NCTRC e-News!

Season's Greetings from the NCTRC Board, Committees, and Staff!



NCTRC Executive Director Position Search

NCTRC is seeking qualified candidates for the Executive Director position due to the recent announcement by Bob Riley, CTRS, of his intention to step down as ED next summer (2015). The Executive Director position serves as the chief executive and spokesperson of NCTRC. All interested individuals should review the [position announcement](#) for further details regarding the NCTRC Executive Director position.

NCTRC Board of Directors Meet in California

The NCTRC Board of Directors recently conducted its fall meeting on October 30-31, 2014 at California State University in Long Beach, California. The NCTRC Board meets twice a year (Spring and Fall) to conduct its business and to review current issues and strategic initiatives. The Board had a very productive meeting resulting in the exploration of some new initiatives and approving modifications to the *NCTRC Standards*. More specifically, the Board discussed several issues pertinent to the profession and included in the NCTRC Strategic Plan. Among the topics reviewed by the Board were NCTRC's international focus, NCTRC name change, and a preliminary discussion of graduate degree entry-level requirements in allied health. The Board also accepted the findings of the 2014 Job Analysis Study and approved a recommendation to extend the administration of the certification exam to six times per year. Please visit www.nctrc.org to review all current certification standards.

Hinton elected "Chair-Elect" of the NCTRC Board of Directors

Dr. Jennifer Hinton, LRT/CTRS was elected to the position of Chairperson-Elect of the NCTRC Board of Directors at the Board's fall meeting. Jennifer, who has served in the capacity of Vice Chair and a member of the Executive Committee during the past year, will assume the position of Chairperson of the NCTRC Board of Directors in April 2015. Jennifer, who resides in Sylva, North Carolina, completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies with an emphasis in Therapeutic Recreation from Kent State University and a Master of Science degree in Recreation and Park Administration with an emphasis in Outdoor Therapeutic Recreation from Indiana University. She holds a PhD in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management with an emphasis in Recreation Therapy from Clemson University. Jennifer is currently employed as Associate Professor and Director of the Recreational Therapy degree program at Western Carolina University. Her primary responsibility, along with her colleagues, is to ensure excellent educational opportunities for the approximately 80 majors and 100 pre-majors in the undergraduate program. This includes teaching courses, structuring curricula,

providing service to persons with disabilities in the region and serving the University, and the profession. Jennifer is deeply committed to engaging in scholarly activity including research and presentations.

Recertification and Annual Maintenance Deadlines Approaching

NCTRC would like to remind you that if your five year recertification cycle ended on November 1, 2013, you will need to submit your recertification application postmarked by December 31, 2013. NCTRC does not accept recertification applications postmarked after this date. Annual maintenance applications are also due no later than December 31, 2013. To submit your application online, log in to [MY NCTRC LOGIN](#) or visit www.nctrc.org for more information.

May 2014 Recertification Exam Option

If you are coming to the end of your five year recertification cycle in June 2014, then you can take the NCTRC exam to meet the requirements for recertification. The May 2014 exam is the only exam available that meets the May cycle Recertification requirements. The registration deadline for the May 2014 exam for recertification is March 1, 2014. 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 complete the registration form online and submit it with a credit card payment, or print out the registration form, complete it and mail directly to NCTRC with a check, money order or credit card number. The dates for the May 2014 exam are May 5-17, 2014.

NCTRC Welcomes Nominations for Board and Committee Membership

As a credentialing organization, NCTRC has the direct responsibility to maintain a cross-section of CTRSs on its Board of Directors and Standing Committees. NCTRC has anticipated vacancies for an Employer Representative on the Board of Directors and two open positions on the Standards Hearing Committee and the Standards Review Committee. If you or someone you know is interested in being considered for the NCTRC Board or Committee involvement please contact the NCTRC Nomination and Elections Committee via Bob Riley, at (845) 639-1439 or briley@nctrc.org.

Did you know ...

The level of satisfaction of recent applicants completing the NCTRC Exam?

- 99% of applicants were either *satisfied* or *very satisfied* with the staff's helpfulness at the testing center
- 98% of applicants were either *satisfied* or *very satisfied* with the performance of the testing system during the examination
- 99% of applicants were either *satisfied* or *very satisfied* with the total testing experience at the Prometric Testing Center

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.