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Welcome to NCTRC e-News!

NCTRC Recertification: Update and Overview

Whether you're a 20-year CTRS veteran or a newly minted CTRS, it is imperative to know the facts about NCTRC Recertification. However, if your five year expiration date is November 1, 2009, you should definitely be aware of the rules and standards governing NCTRC Recertification.

Here are some of the ways you can acquire continuing education:

- **Hospital/Agency Education** - Many work-related educational sessions or in-services may be appropriate for recertification. (Please note: topics such as Infection Control, CPR, First Aid and Life Saving are not accepted.)
- **Academic Courses** - Coursework can be audited (8 hours per academic credit) or taken for credit (15 hours per academic credit). Academic courses may be taken online or through correspondence. (For a list of suggested coursework, click [Certification Standards Part I: Information for New Applicants](#).)
- **Teleconferences/Audio Seminars** - A growing number of continuing education providers sponsor teleconferences. See [Links](#) for more information.
- **Home Study Programs** - Several organizations provide continuing education via professional journal review and home study courses. Similar to many online programs, educational material can be purchased for completion over an extended time period. See [Links](#) for more information.
- **Internet** - A simple search for "continuing education" will provide many opportunities for consideration. Many of the internet/online-based continuing education programs can be purchased for a reasonable fee.
- **Conferences** - Therapeutic Recreation, Recreation, or CE sessions in related disciplines are accepted as long as the content relates to the NCTRC Job Analysis Knowledge Areas.

Please contact NCTRC directly if you have any questions or concerns about Recertification.

It's Time for the NCTRC Election

NCTRC will be conducting the 2009 Board of Directors Election online from November 2nd to November 30th, 2009. There are three (3) open positions to be filled via this year's election. The following five (5) individuals serve as the slate of candidates for consideration:

Julie Belding, CTRS, (NE)
Vincent Bonadies, CTRS, (NY)
Ellen Broach, CTRS, (AL)
Shay Dawson, CTRS, (IN)
Kelly J. Ramella, CTRS, (AZ)

Please take the time to exercise your right to vote!

Between November 2nd and 30th login to [MY NCTRC LOGIN](#) and click "Vote Online". You will

be able to review information about each of the candidates by clicking "Candidate Information". Once you have selected your three (3) candidates, complete the ballot and submit it directly to NCTRC. All e-ballots will be sent anonymously to NCTRC.

If you have any problems with the election process, please contact NCTRC at (845) 639-1439.

NCTRC Celebrates 25 year CTRSs

In celebration of CTRSs that have been certified for 25 years or more, NCTRC has created a special edition 25th Anniversary pin as an acknowledgement of their long-standing professional commitment to maintaining NCTRC certification. So if you have been certified for 25 years, look for your pin in the mail. Congratulations!

Did you know ...

- You can change your name by using the NCTRC name change form found at www.nctrc.org/documents/Namechangerequestform.pdf
- NCTRC offers teleconference presentations on the New Application process and the Recertification process. Just contact the office and we will be happy to set up a time with you.
- NCTRC is one of the 150 credentialing organizations accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

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.