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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 certified CTRS, it is imperative to know the facts about NCTRC Recertification. However, if your five year expiration date is December 31, 2010, you should definitely be aware of the rules and standards governing NCTRC Recertification. A copy of the [NCTRC Recertification Standards](#) can be reviewed at www.NCTRC.org. NCTRC does accept applications postmarked by December 31, 2010 with the submission of a \$50.00 recertification fee. For your convenience the recertification process can be completed on-line by visiting www.NCTRC.org and logging into [MY NCTRC LOGIN](#). Please be advised that NCTRC will NOT accept recertification applications after the December 31, 2010 deadline.

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 your 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/RT, ORG – Organization of TR/RT and ADV – Advancement of the Profession) and need to total 50 hours over the five year period.

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 2010 Board of Directors Election online from November 1st to November 30th, 2010. There are two (2) open positions to be filled via this year's election. The following five (5) individuals serve as the slate of candidates up for consideration:

Karla Belzer, CTRS (IL)
 Melinda Currier, CTRS (NH)
 Maridith Curfman-Janssen, CTRS (CA)
 Christopher Richard, CTRS (Ontario, Canada)
 Patricia Thomas, CTRS (WI)

Please take the time to exercise your right to vote!

Log into [MY NCTRC LOGIN](#) between November 1st and 30th 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 two (2) 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 Conducted Annual Certificants Meeting

NCTRC conducts its Annual Certificants Meeting at the annual conferences of the American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA) and the National Therapeutic Recreation Society (NTRS). The official meeting this year was conducted in Spokane, WA at the Annual ATRA Conference. Information about the meeting and NCTRC is available for review at <http://www.nctrc.org/documents/NCTRCMeetingofCertificantsATRA2010.pdf>

NCTRC Begins to Receive Specialty Certification Applications

NCTRC launched its new Specialty Certification Program in early summer 2010 and has already received many inquiries and applications from interested CTRSs. The Specialty Certification Program is designed to recognize CTRSs who have demonstrated advanced competency and expertise with specific populations or delivery services within TR/RT. As of this date, NCTRC is proud to announce that four specialty certifications have been awarded to qualified CTRSs.

For more information pertaining to the [Specialty Certification Program](#) and to download an application, please visit www.NCTRC.org.

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.