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Welcome to NCTRC e-News!

NCTRC Recertification: November 1st and December 31st Deadlines

Whether you're a CTRS veteran or a recently certified CTRS, it is imperative to know the facts about NCTRC Recertification. However, if your five year expiration date is December 31, 2012, 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. Please submit your recertification application prior to November 1, 2012 to receive a waiver of the \$50.00 recertification fee. After November 1st, NCTRC will accept applications postmarked by December 31, 2012 with the submission of a \$50.00 recertification fee and \$80.00 annual maintenance 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 can NOT accept recertification applications after the December 31, 2012 deadline.

Important NCTRC 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.
- **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 2012 Board of Directors Election online from November 1st to November 30th, 2012. 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 up for consideration:

Serena Frew, CTRS, (Canada)
 Jennifer Hinton, LRT/CTRS (NC)
 Nancy McFarlane, CTRS (OR)
 Kelly Ramella, CTRS (AZ)
 Andrea Waters, CTRS (Canada)

Please take the time to exercise your right to vote!

Recreation Therapy in the News

Recently the Today Show had “The Best College Majors that can lead to a Lucrative Career” and coming in at #4 was Treatment Therapy Professions which included Recreation Therapy. Take a look at the clip:

<http://video.today.msnbc.msn.com/today/48893538#48893538>

Additionally a Kiplinger article also recognizes recreation therapy as the #4 career.

<http://www.kiplinger.com/slideshow/10-best-college-majors-for-your-career/1.html#top>

Did you know ...

- NCTRC is sponsoring a National Licensure Forum at the ATRA Annual Conference. There will be representatives from all 50 states learning about the licensure process.
- NCTRC supports state licensure and has a position paper on the website.
<http://www.nctrc.org/documents/NCTRCLegalRecognitionPaper.doc>
- The October 2012 CTRS exam has 700 registrants.

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.