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March/April 2016 e-News

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Welcome to NCTRC e-News!

NCTRC Offers Exam Six times a Year

NCTRC continues to offer the CTRS exam six times a year. The testing dates are as follows:

July 5-16, 2016

September 6-17, 2016

November 7-19, 2016

January 9-21, 2017

March 6-18, 2017

May 1-13, 2017

Please visit <http://nctrc.org/exam/exam-application-deadlines/> for application submission window deadlines.

NCTRC to Begin Translating Certification Standards and Marketing Brochures

NCTRC has been actively pursuing steps to begin the process of translating the published documents that we offer into different languages. The translation process will be completed in various stages. The first stage will be translation of the largest publication, the NCTRC Certification Standards. Once the translation of the standards has been completed, the marketing brochures will follow. The translated documents will be available on the NCTRC website. If you are interested in serving on either a French or Spanish translation committee, please contact the NCTRC office at nctrc@nctrc.org.

Conference Presentations and Specialty Certification

Are you going to be presenting at a conference soon? Are you planning on submitting a conference proposal on a topic in TR? Why not consider presenting on a topic that is related to one of NCTRC's Specialty Certification areas?

To further support the advancement of specialty certification, conference providers need to know if your conference topic aligns with any of the specialty certification areas. The Specialty Certification areas include:

- Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation
- Geriatrics
- Developmental Disabilities
- Behavioral Health
- Community Inclusion Services

When preparing a conference presentation, the content must directly relate to the 2014 Job Analysis, and to count toward initial Specialty Certification or Specialty Recertification, it must also align with one of the Specialty Certification areas noted above.

Do you have Specialty Certification?

In the next edition of the e-news, NCTRC would like to highlight CTRSs who have obtained Specialty Certification. If you would like to be recognized in our e-news, please submit a short summary of how the Specialty Certification has advanced your career in TR, to [Noelle Molloy](#).

Recreation Therapy in the News

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/health-wellness/articles/2016-01-19/6-things-to-know-about-recreational-therapists>

NCTRC is Seeking Authors

NCTRC is seeking assistance in identifying non-TR publications for submission of an article that illustrates the benefits of TR and would like to work with you in writing and publishing the article.

If you know of a publication that you feel will be suitable for an article on TR and/or you would like to assist with the development of the article, please contact [Noelle Molloy](#).

Recertification and Annual Maintenance Deadlines Approaching

NCTRC would like to remind you that if your five year recertification cycle ends on June 30, 2016, you will need to submit your recertification application postmarked by June 30, 2016. NCTRC does not accept recertification applications postmarked after this date. Please be aware that the Recertification process can take upwards of 4-6 weeks. If you are required to be certified for your employment, please do not wait until the deadline to submit your application. Annual maintenance applications are also due no later than June 30, 2016. For your convenience the recertification process and annual maintenance can be completed online by visiting [MY NCTRC LOGIN](#).

Do you know...

The Strength and Value of the CTRS Credential?

- 1) NCTRC standards are based on current knowledge and skills necessary for competent practice as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS).
- 2) NCTRC evaluates individual qualifications for certification and recertification through a comprehensive system of review, verification, and standardized national testing to assure that each individual awarded the CTRS has in fact, met the qualifications to hold the credential.
- 3) NCTRC monitors adherence to standards to assure that cases involving potential harm to public health and safety are investigated fully and that appropriate sanctions of reprimand, suspension and/or revocation are instituted as needed.
- 4) The CTRS credential is the designation used to inform the public and consumer of health care services of the existence of this competence in recreational therapy.

In fact, the CTRS is the only international credential designed to protect the consumer of recreational therapy services.

Please contact NCTRC at 845-639-1439 or nctrc@nctrc.org if you have any comments or questions.

Thank you for your continued support of NCTRC and the CTRS credential!

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