



May/June 2016 e-News

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Welcome to NCTRC e-News!

NCTRC Conducts Annual Board Meeting

The NCTRC Board of Directors conducted its annual meeting on March 31-April 1, 2016 in Central Valley, NY. Some of the accomplishments during the two-day meeting included:

- Three new members were inducted to the NCTRC Board of Directors for the 2016-2019 term:
 - Missy Armstrong, CTRS/R (WA)
 - Colleen Cooke, CTRS (PA)
 - Melissa Zahl, CTRS/L (OK)
- A new Executive Committee for the term of 2016-2017 was elected:
 - Eileen Andreassi, CTRS (NY), Chairperson
 - Colleen Cooke, CTRS (PA), Vice Chairperson
 - Wayne Pollock, CTRS (VA), Treasurer
 - Donna Gregory, CTRS (MD), Secretary
- One new member was appointed to NCTRC Standing Committees:
 - Susan Popek Boeve, CTRS (MI): Standards Review Committee
- Serena Maltais, CTRS (Canada) was re-appointed to the Standards Hearing Committee
- Donna Lozano, CTRS (CO) was re-appointed to the Exam Management Committee

The Board approved conducting the NCTRC Annual Certificants Meeting at the ATRA Annual Conference to be held in Lombard, IL, September 10-13, 2016.

Eileen Andreassi, CTRS Elected NCTRC Chairperson

Eileen Andreassi was installed as the new Chairperson of the NCTRC Board of Directors at the recently held NCTRC Annual Meeting. Eileen has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology/Sociology from SUNY-Binghamton and a Master of Arts in Administration of Therapeutic Recreation Service from New York University. She has 30 years of experience in the Therapeutic Recreation field and is currently Director of Therapeutic Recreation at Helen Hayes Hospital, a physical medicine and rehabilitation facility in Haverstraw, New York.

Helpful Reminders to Assure a Successful Internship

The summer months often serve as an opportunity for students to complete their academic internships. In order to provide a smooth transition to obtaining the CTRS credential, the following requirements must be met during the internship experience:

- The length of the internship must be a minimum of 14 consecutive weeks and 560 hours.
- The intern must work a minimum of 20 hours per week and no more than 45 hours per week.
- The internship supervisor must be employed full-time at the sponsoring agency and work a minimum of 30 hours per week. At least 50% of the supervisor's duties must be in therapeutic recreation and must be an active CTRS on the first day of the student's internship.
- The internship must be supervised by an academic supervisor and an agency supervisor both of whom need to be an active CTRS.
- The internship agency supervisor must be certified for at least one year prior to supervising interns.

The internship experience must be based on the therapeutic recreation process as defined by the current [NCTRC Job Analysis](#).

Please visit NCTRC's website to review and download the [NCTRC Internship Standards](#). NCTRC offers a marketing packet specifically geared towards the internship standards. If you would like to receive a packet, please contact nctrc@nctrc.org.

Don't forget that as an agency CTRS supervisor you can earn CEUs towards your recertification, Please review the [NCTRC Internship Supervision Guidelines for Continuing Education Credit](#) for more information.

Internship Verification Forms

At the recent NCTRC Board Meeting, the Board of Directors approved a change in the internship standard. As of May 5, 2016, the internship verification forms will not be required as part of the application process to NCTRC. Both agency and academic CTRS supervisors will not have to fill out the forms and submit to NCTRC. NCTRC based this decision on the fact that the student is acknowledging and affirming that all of the information contained in the application is true and factual. NCTRC will be verifying the internship experience by reviewing all information submitted by the student as well as confirming completion of the internship experience based on academic credit posted on the transcript. NCTRC will also verify the certification and employment status of the CTRS supervisor names that are listed on the application.

Recertification Continuing Education Approval Options

The [NCTRC Continuing Education Approval Process](#) assists certificants to obtain approval for both pending and/or completed continuing education prior to the submission of a recertification application. This process allows for formal confirmation of continuing education to certificants who are not certain if specific continuing education opportunities will meet NCTRC recertification requirements. This process is available to all current CTRSs and can be utilized at any time during the five-year certification cycle. For more information regarding continuing education opportunities, please visit <http://nctrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/MM7-continuing-education-information1.pdf>.

NCTRC would also like to remind you that if your continuing education is not pre-approved, we recommend holding on to all conference flyers and brochures until the end of your five year recertification cycle. If your recertification application is randomly pulled for audit, you may need to submit additional information regarding the content of the continuing education sessions attended.

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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