



September/October 2016 e-News

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Welcome to NCTRC e-News!

It's Time for the NCTRC Board Election

NCTRC will be conducting the 2016 Board of Directors Election online from November 1st to November 30th, 2016. There are two (2) open positions to be filled via this year's election.

It only takes a few minutes for you to vote in the election for the NCTRC Board of Directors. All decisions related to the NCTRC Certification Standards are made by the Board of Directors, so it is critically important that you participate in the upcoming election. The Nominations and Elections Committee has done a fantastic job of pulling together a strong ballot for you, so please cast your vote this November.

The 2016 NCTRC Election Candidates include:

Julie Bradwell, LRT/CTRS (NC)

Janet Krahn, CTRS (WI)

Rebecca Lesnik, MS, CTRS (CA)

Suzanne Prosser, MSHCA, CTRS (AZ)

Andrea Waters, CTRS (Canada)

Please take the time to exercise your right to vote!

Between November 1st and 30th log in 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 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 questions about the election process, please contact NCTRC at (845) 639-1439.

NCTRC Recertification Deadline

If your five year expiration date is December 31, 2016, you should begin reviewing the rules and standards governing NCTRC Recertification. A complete copy of the NCTRC Recertification Standards can be viewed at <http://nctrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/3RecertInfo.pdf>. Please submit your recertification application and fee postmarked no later than December 31, 2016. Please be aware that the Recertification review process can take from 4-6 weeks for NCTRC to complete. If you are required to be certified for your employment, do not wait until the deadline to submit your application. For your convenience the recertification application can be completed online by visiting [MY NCTRC LOGIN](#). Please be advised that NCTRC can NOT accept recertification applications after the December 31, 2016 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.
- 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 has been met with either part time or volunteer work.
- All continuing education hours must be related to one of the NCTRC Job Analysis Knowledge Codes (FKW – Foundational Knowledge, ASP – Assessment Process, DOC – Documentation, IMP – Implementation, ADM – Administration of TR/RT Service, ADV – Advancement of the Profession) and need to total 50 hours completed over the five year period.

Continuing Education: the Opportunities are Endless

- **Internship Supervision:** This standard allows for up to two (2) CE credit earning internship supervisory experiences per recertification cycle. Each internship supervisory experience will be awarded five (5) CE credit hours for a maximum award of 10 credit hours per recertification cycle. The application of the new standard is retroactive for up to five (5) years thus allowing CTRSs to count past internship supervision as part of their current CEU portfolio as long as all terms and conditions are met in accordance to the new standards. For additional information, please review the [Guidelines for Continuing Education for NCTRC Internship Supervision and the NCTRC Internship Supervision Continuing Education Form](#)
- **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 Coursework:** 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.
- **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.

- **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.

Remember that NCTRC does offer a [Continuing Education Approval Process](#). This process is designed to assist CTRs in obtaining approval of pending or completed continuing education prior to the submission of a recertification application. It allows for official confirmation of continuing education to CTRs who are not certain if specific continuing education opportunities meet NCTRC recertification requirements. This process is available to all current CTRs and can be utilized at any time during the five-year certification cycle.

NCTRC Conducted Annual Certificants’ Meeting

The Annual [NCTRC Certificants’ Meeting](#) was held on Sunday, September 11, 2016 during the ATRA Annual Conference in Lombard, IL. During the meeting, the following topics were reviewed: acknowledgement of current and former members of the Board of Directors and Standing Committees, ICE/NCCA accreditation status, standards updates, exam information/pass rates, status of specialty certification program, marketing news, nominations and elections, and NCTRC accomplishments over the past year. NCTRC wishes to extend its thanks to the 94 CTRs who attended the meeting this year.

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 CTR credential!

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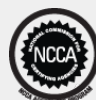
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