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Welcome to NCTRC e-News!

Season's Greetings from the NCTRC Board, Committees, and Staff!



NCTRC Launches New Marketing Look

NCTRC has recently hired a new marketing consultant to give us a new and fresh look. Our new marketing brochure "[It's time to set yourself apart](#)" can be found on our website. Please stay tuned for future brochures.

NCTRC Board of Directors Meets in Utah

The NCTRC Board of Directors recently conducted its fall meeting on October 26-27, 2016 at the University Neuropsychiatric Institute in Salt Lake City, UT. The NCTRC Board meets in person twice a year (Spring and Fall) to conduct its business and to review current issues and strategic initiatives. The Board had a very productive meeting that included a discussion related to the new marketing initiatives, data management system transition, and overall status of the credentialing program, among many other topics. Please be sure to review all communications from NCTRC regarding impending changes to certification standards and online access to certification/recertification processes as the "go live" date for the new data management system nears. As always, visit www.nctrc.org or call the NCTRC office (845-639-1439) if you have questions.

Cooke elected "Chair-Elect" of the NCTRC Board of Directors

Colleen A. Cooke, EdD, CTRS was elected to the position of Chairperson-Elect of the NCTRC Board of Directors at the Board's fall meeting. Colleen, who has served in the capacity of Vice Chair and a member of the Executive Committee during the past year, will assume the position of Chairperson of the NCTRC Board of Directors in April 2017. Colleen earned her BS degree in Therapeutic Recreation from Slippery Rock University, a MEd in Counseling from the University of Pittsburgh and a EdD in Healthcare Education from Nova Southeastern University. Colleen is currently a professor in Recreational Therapy at Slippery Rock University. She has over 30 years of experience, 12 as a practitioner and 19 as an educator. In her role as professor, she develops and delivers instruction to undergraduate recreational therapy students in courses titled Inclusive Leisure Services, Recreational Therapy for Individuals with Psychosocial and Mental Disorders, Leisure Education and

Counseling, Client Assessment in RT, RT Interventions, Practicum in RT, and Freshman Seminar. Colleen assists in the assessment of the RT program and meeting CARTE requirements. She also coordinates the Annual RT Workshop that is held at Slippery Rock University.

NCTRC Presents at Utah Conference

The fall meeting of the NCTRC Board is viewed as an opportunity to connect with students and CTRSs at local events and regional conferences. This year the Board was able to attend and present at the *Utah Recreation Therapy Association (URTA)* conference. The one-day conference included a variety of topics presented by members of the NCTRC staff and Board. If your state association or academic program would like to host a NCTRC Board meeting, please contact Anne Richard, at (845) 639-1439 or arichard@nctrc.org to discuss the possibilities.

Recertification and Annual Maintenance Deadlines Approaching

NCTRC would like to remind you that if your five year recertification cycle expires at the end of 2016, you will need to submit your recertification application postmarked on or before December 31, 2016. NCTRC can not accept recertification applications postmarked after this date. Annual maintenance applications are also due no later than December 31, 2016. If you are required to be certified for your employment, NCTRC recommends submitting your application early. To submit your application online, log in to [MY NCTRC LOGIN](#) or visit www.nctrc.org for more information.

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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