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Welcome to NCTRC e-News!

NCTRC's Transition to New Data Management System

NCTRC would like to thank you for your patience as we complete the enhancements to our online application system that will allow us to better serve you. Please remember that even if you had a log in and password for the old system, you will need to click on "NEW CUSTOMER" at [MY NCTRC LOGIN](#) to create a new login since the system has been upgraded. If you have not logged in yet, please check it out and give us your feedback at nctrc@nctrc.org.

It's Time for the NCTRC Board of Directors Election

NCTRC will be conducting the 2017 Board of Directors Election online from November 1 to November 30, 2017. 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 this election. 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 2017 NCTRC Election Candidates include:

Melissa Davis, MS, LRT/CTRS, Texas

Ann Dolloff, MEd, CTRS, Pennsylvania

Janet Krahn, CTRS, Wisconsin

Rebecca Lesnik, MS, CTRS, California

Jerome Singleton, PhD, CTRS, Canada

Please take the time to exercise your right to vote!

On November 1st, you will receive an email with a link to the ballot. You will be able to review information about each of the candidates. Once you have selected your two (2) candidates, complete the ballot and click on Submit. 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.

Spotlight to Shine on National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification

Innovations with Ed Begley, Jr. explores advances in therapeutic recreation. Please read the press release shown below regarding this episode.

Jupiter, FL— DMG Productions, the award-winning producers of the Innovations with Ed Begley, Jr. series, proudly announces that it will feature the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC), slated to air nationwide, fourth quarter 2017.

Check your local listings for more information.

Established in 1981, NCTRC is a non-profit, international organization dedicated to professional excellence for the protection of consumers through the certification of recreational therapists. Professional recognition is granted by NCTRC to individuals who apply and meet established standards for certification including education, experience, and continuing professional development. The Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS®) credential is offered to qualified individuals based on these stringent requirements.

This segment will introduce/teach how NCTRC supports quality human service and healthcare standards; NCTRC is a charter member organization of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE). NCTRC is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). Recreational therapy and the CTRS® credential are recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), Joint Commission (JC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Accreditation Canada, the National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability (NCHPAD) as well as in federal, provincial and state legislation.

The show will also explore how its credential verification services to employers and healthcare agencies help to monitor personnel adherence to the standards of the Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist.

“The mission of NCTRC is to protect the consumer of recreational therapy services by promoting quality services delivered by certificants. A key factor in the organization’s ability to carry out that mission is recognition of the CTRS® credential, so we are extremely excited about this opportunity to educate consumers, employers and the general public about the value of this certification.” – Anne Richard, Executive Director of NCTRC

“The National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC) is the premier credentialing organization for the profession of Therapeutic Recreation,” said Lisa Glassman, producer for the *Innovations* series. “We look forward to exploring this topic.”

About NCTRC: With over 16,000 certificants residing in the United States and fifteen other countries, NCTRC is actively involved in research on issues impacting the profession, promoting the profession and

credentialing internationally, as well as supporting state and provincial pursuit of licensure for the practice of recreational therapy.

For more information, visit: www.nctrc.org

About *Innovations* and DMG Productions: *Innovations*, hosted by award winning actor Ed Begley, Jr., is an information-based series geared toward educating the public on the latest breakthroughs in all areas of society. Featuring practical solutions and important issues facing consumers and professionals alike, *Innovations* focuses on cutting-edge advancements in everything from health and wellness to global business, renewable energy, and more.

DMG Productions (responsible for creating the *Innovations* show) includes personnel specialized in various fields from agriculture to medicine, independent films to regional news and more. Field producers work closely with experts in the field to develop stories. This powerful force enables DMG to consistently produce commercial-free, educational programming that both viewers and networks depend on.

For more information visit: www.InnovationsTelevision.com or contact Lisa Glassman at (866) 496-4065 or via email at info@InnovationsTelevision.com.

NCTRC Recertification Deadline

If your five year expiration date is December 31, 2017, you should begin reviewing the rules and standards governing NCTRC Recertification. A complete copy of the NCTRC Recertification Standards can be viewed at www.nctrc.org. Please submit your recertification application and fee via [My NCTRC Login](#) on November 3, 2017 and no later than December 31, 2017. 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, submit your application prior to the deadline. Please be advised that NCTRC can NOT accept recertification applications after the December 31, 2017 deadline.

Important NCTRC Recertification reminders:

- Please do not submit Continuing Education documents with your application. If your application is randomly selected for audit, you will be sent a email requesting that you submit your original, official documents to NCTRC via MY NCTRC Login
- 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. 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 CTRSs 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 CTRSs who are not certain if specific continuing education opportunities 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.

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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American Therapeutic Recreation Association

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Institute for Credentialing Excellence

Therapeutic Recreation Directory

US Dept. of Labor, Occupational Outlook

Handbook

Recreation Therapy Licensure Boards:

New Hampshire

New City, NY

10956

Tel 845-639-1439

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North Carolina

Oklahoma

Utah



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