



## Credentialing Organizations

### PURPOSE

*To protect the public*

### ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

- Manages the certification program
- Conducts research regarding the qualified provider of recreational therapy services
- Follows established certification standards to ensure qualified practitioners
- Provides on-line verification services of all active certificants
- Offers content pre-approval for continuing education within the field
- Coordinates an effective peer disciplinary process
- Serves as an international clearinghouse for disciplinary cases
- Follows best practices for the credentialing industry



## Professional Associations

### PURPOSE

*To represent the needs and interests of a particular field or profession*

### ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

- Provides opportunities for membership, education, career advancement, networking, and up-to-date information
- Advocates for advancement of the profession
- Publishes books and journals
- Creates opportunities for engagement and connection
- Develops trainings and other educational offerings
- Hosts an annual conference
- Speaks on behalf of the profession
- Represents the interests of the profession at the local, state, and national levels



## Academic Accreditation Organizations

### PURPOSE

*To create and evaluate standards for academic institutions and programs*

### ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

- Professionals in the discipline develop standards that reflect required knowledge to successfully practice
- Evaluates and ensures accreditation standards are met by each academic institution
- Serves as a clearing house for disciplinary cases nationally, and internationally, where appropriate
- Ensures consistency of learning outcomes within academic programs
- Accredits academic programs, not individuals

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