

NCTRC Disclaimer

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- It is the responsibility of the applicant to review the NCTRC website for the most current requirements prior to application submission.

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Learning Objectives

- Describe the NCTRC Internship Standards.
- Apply the NCTRC Job Tasks to the development of the internship experience.
- Name the three major requirements of the internship that are reviewed when applying for NCTRC Professional Eligibility.

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CORE PURPOSE:

To protect the safety of consumers of recreational therapy services.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification protects the public by promoting the provision of quality services offered by NCTRC certificants.

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Internship Certification Standards

A minimum 560 hour, 14 week internship experience in therapeutic recreation services that uses the therapeutic recreation process as defined by the current NCTRC Job Analysis Study under the supervision of both academic and agency internship supervisors who are NCTRC CTRS certified. The agency supervisor must also possess the CTRS credential for one year prior to supervising an internship student. An acceptable internship experience is one which is completed after the majority of required therapeutic recreation coursework is completed as verified on the official transcript.

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Agency CTRS Supervisor

The primary supervisor must possess active certification status at the CTRS level on the first day of the applicant's internship and have been certified for at least one year prior to supervising interns. Any change in certification status of the supervisor during the internship shall not affect the certification eligibility of an applicant.

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Academic CTRS Supervisor

The Academic Internship Supervisor must be an active CTRS at the start of the internship experience and must be employed at the college/university. The CTRS cannot serve in the capacity of both the academic supervisor and agency supervisor during a given internship experience.

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Internship completed after coursework

An acceptable internship must be completed after the majority of required therapeutic recreation coursework is completed. Verification of the completed internship must appear on the official academic transcript. The majority of therapeutic recreation content coursework is defined as no less than 12 semester or 16 quarter hours of therapeutic recreation content coursework. This requirement applies to coursework completed at the degree earning institution and does not apply to coursework completed after the academic degree is conferred.

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Academic Credit Awarded

The student must receive academic credit and an evaluative grade for the internship experience as verified by official transcript. The internship experience must be completed over the same dates as the semester or quarter in which the student receives academic credit for the experience.

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Changes to Standard and Interpretive Guidelines

The following components of the internship certification standard and interpretive guidelines have been removed.

While the academic program may continue to use these guidelines to structure the internship experience, NCTRC will no longer require students to adhere to them.

The format of the internship experience should be determined by the agency supervisor, the internship site, and the academic supervisor.

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Language Removed from the Internship Certification Standard

The word, <u>consecutive</u>, was removed from the requirement of a minimum of 560-hour, 14 <u>consecutive</u> week internship experience.

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Language Removed from the Interpretive Guidelines

- The requirement that the primary agency CTRS® supervisor must be employed a minimum of 30 hours a week with at least 50% of the job duties within therapeutic recreation service at the sponsoring agency.
- The internship experience should be continuous and uninterrupted. No less than 20 hours per week or more than 45 hours per week will be accepted for the internship experience, except as may be provided in the Internship Interruption Guidelines.
- The total hours may not be split among different agencies or accumulated over multiple sites.

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Summary of Changes to Internship Language

NCTRC no longer requires the following:

- that the internship occur over consecutive weeks
- that the primary agency CTRS® supervisor be employed a minimum of 30 hours a week with at least 50% of the job duties within therapeutic recreation service at the sponsoring agency
- · that the internship experience be continuous and uninterrupted
- that it be no less than 20 hours per week or more than 45 hours per week
- · that the total hours occur at one agency/site

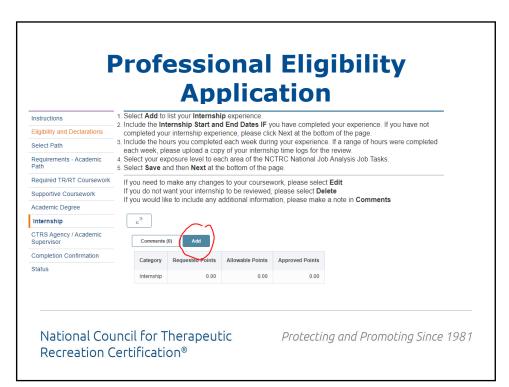
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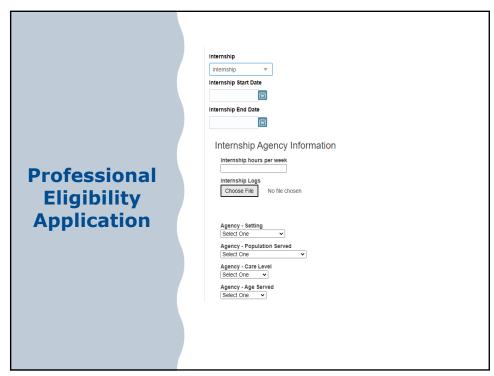
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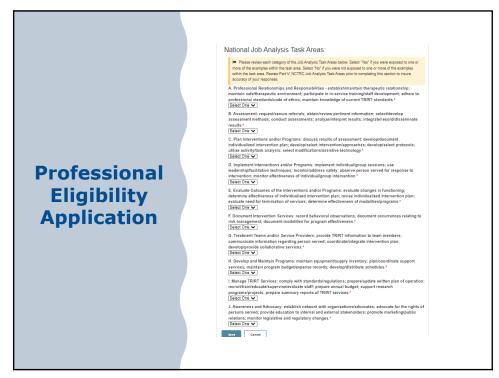
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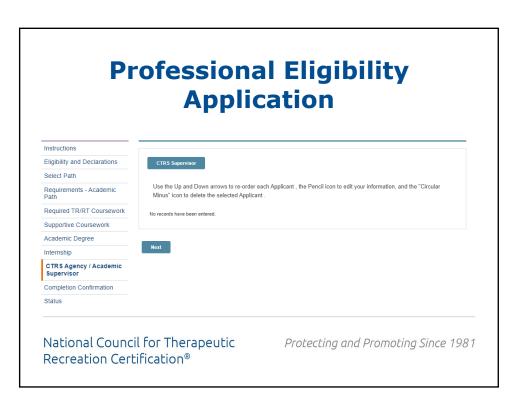
- Professional Relationships and Responsibilities
- Assessment
- · Plan Interventions and/or Programs
- Implement Interventions and/or Programs
- Evaluate Outcomes of the Interventions and/or Programs
- · Document Intervention Services
- · Treatment Teams and/or Service Providers
- · Develop and Maintain Programs
- Manage TR/RT Services
- Awareness and Advocacy

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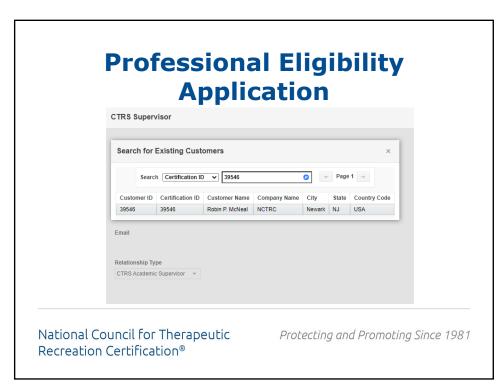












Internship Resources

- Agency Supervisor Internship Packet
- Student Internship Guide
- Internship Supervision for Continuing Education

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Continuing Education Credits for Supervision

- CTRS can supervise 3 interns per 5-year recertification cycle
- 5 CE credit hours per student supervised for a maximum of 15 CEU per 5-year cycle
- Competency based evaluation will need to be submitted

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Thank You!

NCTRC extends its sincere appreciation to CTRSs who serve as internship supervisors. The internship supervisor plays an extremely important role in the development of new TR professionals and potential CTRSs. The academic internship is an incredibly important element in the professional preparation process and we deeply appreciate your involvement.

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Questions?

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