

CTRAC, Inc. P.O. Box 682846 Houston, Texas 77268 Direct Line: 512-484-7559

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Therapeutic Recreation Associate Certification-TRA/TXC Fact Sheet and Application Form

Goal of Certification:

The basic purpose of the certification process is to assure the general public and employing agencies of the competence of Therapeutic Recreation/Activities personnel by certifying that they meet the basic and prescribed standards. This certification attests that an individual is qualified by training and experience to conduct and administer therapeutic recreation and/or activity services at an Therapeutic Recreation Associate level.

Requirements for Certification

Track 1

- Associate Degree from an accredited educational institution with a major in therapeutic recreation AND
- Course work must include a minimum of six (6) semester hours of college credit in therapeutic recreation theory and practice, one of the courses must contain an Introduction To Therapeutic Recreation material. Each course must deal exclusively with therapeutic recreation content, AND
- 360 hour Internship/Field placement that is the equivalent of 3 university credit hours earned as part of an academic program.

Track 2

- Associate Degree or higher with a major in a related field AND
- Course work must include a minimum of six (6) semester hours of college in therapeutic recreation theory and practice, one of the course must contain an Introduction To Therapeutic Recreation material. Each course must deal exclusively with therapeutic recreation content AND
- Not less than one (1) year full-time work experience (2000 hours) in therapeutic recreation

Track 3

- Not less than four (4) years full-time experience (8000 hours) in therapeutic recreation
- Completion of one approved course in Introduction To Therapeutic Recreation*
- Completion of one approved course in Therapeutic Recreation Program Design*
- *(Approved courses are from an accredited university or CTRAC approved provider)
- A minimum of 15 credit hours university coursework related to the CTRAC Body of Knowledge**

**(If Introduction to Therapeutic Recreation and Therapeutic Recreation Program Design are taken for university credit, those courses count toward this requirement. If taken by a non-university source they do not count toward the 15 hours of university credit)

Track 4

- Not less than four (4) years full-time experience (8000 hours) in therapeutic recreation/activities setting **AFTER** acquiring CTRAC AD/TXC level.
- Completion of one approved course in Introduction To Therapeutic Recreation*
- Completion of one approved course in Therapeutic Recreation Program Design*
- *(Approved courses are from an accredited university or CTRAC approved provider)



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Examination and Certification Details

The examination is given four times a year and given at several locations throughout the State. A passing score of 75% is required. The reexamination fee is \$50.00

Certificant's passing the examination are certified and valid for a two-year period and must be renewed. (Certificant's with a "conditional" status; require additional requirements to be renewed.) At the time of renewal, an email notice will be sent and submission of two (2.0) continuing education unit's (ceu's), equivalent academic credit, or 20 contact hours is required in order to maintain certification status and \$75.00 renewal fee.

CEU's may be earned by attending 2.0 ceu's/or 20 contact hours in the two (2) year period.

Examination Dates and App	lication & Fee Deadlines		
JANUARY	APRIL	JULY	OCTOBER
(Application Deadline: December1st)	(Application Deadline: March1st)	(Application Deadline: June1st)	(Application Deadline September1st)

USE ATTACHED PAYMENT FORM and attach with the application

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FEES:					
Step 1 Complete application and payment form. DO NOT submit the examination fee at this time examinees application must be reviewed and approved documentation will be emailed/or mailed out to applicants when the sitting fee is required.	When the application has successfully passed the review process an email will be sent with the application review and examination dates and sites. The examination fee is due and payable if the applicant is eligible for examination. Notice, including a deadline for payment, will be sent. This fee is non-refundable but, may be applied to the next examination cycle if the applicant is unable to take the examination and notify the CTRAC office, not less than (10) working days prior to the examination date.				
Application Fee: \$75.00	Examination Sitting Fee: \$50.00				
Re-examination fee, or no show: \$50.00					

The application and examination fees are not refundable.

The Renewal Recertification fee is due biennially (every 2 years) along with proof of two (2) continuing education units/or 20 contact hours upon notice. A certificate holder not receiving a recertification renewal notice should contact the CTRAC office to assure that records are up to date. Be sure to notify the office immediately when you have an address, phone number, and/or name change.

Application Procedure

The application form, application fee, and all supporting documentation must be postmarked by the deadline date and to the address indicated on the form. Acknowledgement and an examination study guide will be sent if the application is accepted for processing and the study guide fee have been paid. Applicants will receive notice of their eligibility prior to the examination date.

Once you have passed the application process, you will have (6) months to take and pass the examination. After that time, your files will be discarded, you are no longer considered eligible to take the examination and will be required to meet the current standards for certification.



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Application Requirements

- 1. **Provide all information requested on the application form.** Type or print all information clearly. Be sure to indicate if another name appears on your transcript or diploma.
- 2. Include proof of your certificate of completion (photocopy) of the certificate, <u>official</u> transcripts showing course work, fieldwork and award of completion or an official letter from the university registrar or education agency).
- 3. If applicable; arrange for an official transcript(s) to be sent to you or directly to CTRAC, to verify your coursework. If it is sent to you, do not open it since an official transcript must be sealed. Be sure that the transcript, being sent, is up-to-date and allow four (4) to six (6) weeks for preparation and mailing by the university, college or education agency. Coursework, including fieldwork courses, must be verified on a transcripts/or certificate. All applicants are encouraged to retain course outlines in the event there is a question about specific course content.
- 4. Complete application section on qualifying course work. List all courses, which you believe meet the relate course work requirements. If you list a special course, individual study or fieldwork course to meet the related course work requirement, you must submit a letter from the instructor describing the content of the course. Be sure to include course prefix with the number/or course title. Writing a notation "See transcript", on the application may not be used in lieu of completing this section. Applications with this notation will be returned to the applicant.
- 5. **Fieldwork/Internship** must be verified on the CTRAC "Agency Field Placement Verification Form. The Agency Field Placement Supervisor section of the form must be complete and notarized. Work experience must be verified by completing the "Employment Information Release and Authorization Form"; signed by an agency official and notarized. This form must clearly specify the following: a) the dates of the experience, b) the total number of hours completed, c) the name of the supervisor, and d) the position/title held by the supervising Recreation Therapist/Therapeutic Recreator and their current certification number.
- 6. When experiences are in sites that are **NOT** approved by CTRAC, the applicant must submit documentation showing that the experience contained the elements in a therapeutic recreation (clinical, residential, or community-based) setting. Fieldwork/Internship completed in a setting outside the State of Texas, proof of the supervisor's current certification must also be submitted (copy of certification card). Applicants using such experiences to qualify should contact CTRAC office for further guidelines.
- 7. **Applicants may file at any time prior to the deadline.** Please allow ample time for preparing the application and supporting materials.
- 8. Mail form and fee (made payable to CTRAC):

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Date of Application		S	SN (last 4 digits)	
Name as it appears on Driver's				
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Second application Previous certification expired			No please check the following sp	pecial arrangements you are
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JANUARY (Application Deadline December 1st)	APRIL (Application Deadline Ma	rch 1 st)	JULY (Application Deadline June 1st)	OCTOBER (Application Deadline September1st
PREFERRED EXAMINATION	LOCATION (Please ch	eck X I	First Choice ONLY)	
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Confidentiality Release (Option to individuals and/or organization for address will be released on mailing	or educational and/or rese	arch pui	rposes. By signing this section,	
Applicant Signature			Date	
Fees:	ot wish your name p	ublish	ed in the CTRAC Certific	
Application Fee: \$75.00			Examination Sitting Fe	
DO NOT submit the e	examination fee at thi	s time	application. This fee is Non examinees application mu	st be reviewed and approved

- documentation will be mailed out to applicants when the sitting fee is required.
- The Examination fee is due and payable if the applicant is eligible for examination. Notice, including a deadline for payment, will be sent. This fee is not refundable but may be applied to the next examination cycle if the applicant is unable to take the examination and notified the CTRAC office not less than (10) working days to the examination date.
- If your check is returned for insufficient funds, an additional fee will be charged \$40.00 Non-Capture of credit card payment, an additional fee will be charged \$30.00.



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Academic Preparation: Submit an official academic transcript for each college/university listed below. For those applying (Graduate) transcripts must indicate the date of graduation and the degree awarded. All transcripts must accompany this application. List all courses that relate to the CTRAC Professional Eligibility Standards. Enclose official course outlines for any independent study or special projects course listed below.

College/University Institution	State	Dates Attended	Major	Degree	Degree Date
		То		YesNo	
		То		YesNo	

COLLEGE/	OR UNIVERSITY	QUALIFYING COL	JRSEWORK (Review	v Fact Sheet	t for spec	ific requirements)	
Requirements	University/ College	Prefix & Course Number	Course Title	No. Sem.	Units QTR	Date Completed	OFFICE USE
Therapeutic							
Recreation							
Content							
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Supportive							
Content							
Coursework							

^{*}Please use additional pages if necessary.



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TRACK 4 APPLICANTS "ONLY"

Academic Preparation: List school or institution that	granted diploma or GED
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High School/or GED Institution	State	Dates Attended	Diploma Received	GED Received	Date
		То	Yes No	YesNo	
		То	Yes No	YesNo	

"Certificates of completion" must accompany this application (Review Fact Sheet for specific requirement Academic Coursework Instructor Institution Course Credit Completion (A copy of "certificate of completion" of course MUST be If Applicable Date attached) CTRAC Education Course for Activity Professional Part I CTRAC Education Course for Activity Professional Part II **OR Completion of the Following Modular Education Program for Activity Professionals** MEPAP 2nd Edition (MEPAP I) **Modular Education Program for Activity Professionals** MEPAP 2nd Edition (MEPAP I) **Additional Course Title** Course Prefix Course Number **Course Credit** Completion Date

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FOR NEW GRADUATES ONLY-Name: SSN (last 4 digits): (If 360 hours of Therapeutic Recreation Internship has been completed you do not have to report work experience.) Field Placement Experience: If you are applying under the "Academic Path", be sure to list the exact name and certification or social security number of the TRS/TXC or CTRS field placement supervisor. Exact and complete dates, weeks and hours must be provided on this application or the field placement experience cannot be evaluated. You must submit a copy of your fieldwork placement time logs if a range of hours per week is provided. The field placement experience must be completed after the majority of required therapeutic recreation/general recreation coursework is completed and verified on your official transcript. Agency Name__ Agency Telephone Number (include area code)_____ Agency Mailing Address_____ ___County____ ____Zip/Postal Code___ Certified Supervisor's Name____ Certification Number Expiration Date First month/day/year of placement Final month/day/year of placement Total Weeks Please answer the following: Indicate the **primary** service setting of your field placement experience **(check only one)**:

Hospital

Partial or Outpatient

Adult Day Care Hospital Partial or Outpatient Adult Day Care Assisted Living Residential/Transitional Skilled Nursing Facility Other____ Rehabilitation Indicate the **primary** service sector that you worked with during your field placement experience (check only one):

Psychiatric/Mental Health
Physical Disability
Developmental Disability
Geriatrics Geriatrics Indicate the primary level of care that you worked with during your field placement experience (check only one): Home Health Acute Sub-Acute Long Term Care Other dicate the **primary** age group that you worked with during your field placement expe<u>rie</u>nce (check only one) Adult Senior Adult Other_ Young Adult Older Adult Therapeutic Recreation Employment History: List only paid work experiences in therapeutic recreation. There must be evidence in your descriptions that your job responsibilities included the therapeutic recreation experience. List only those work experiences in the past 2 years that qualify for certification. If you had more than one full time job in therapeutic recreation, please copy this page before filling it out and include as many additional pages as needed to document your paid jobs in TR. Agency Name_ Agency Telephone Number (include area code) Agency Mailing Address State Zip/Postal Code County Applicant's Job Title_ Certification Number Expiration Date Name of Supervisor First month/day/year of employment Final month/day/year of employment Average Weekly Hours Job Duties (please describe your job duties in relation to the CTRAC Body of Knowledge.)



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APPLICATION CHECK-LIST		Fax: 281-925-0642
Completed and signed appli	ication	
☐ Unopened College/Universit	ty transcripts (if applicable) which verify the c	ourse work listed on the application.
Provide a copy of official dip register confirming your deg	oloma, official transcript showing award of degree/or certificate.	gree or an official letter from the university
	r payable to CTRAC (see fees section for app xamination fee will be asked for, by letter, after	
Mail your fee and application CTRAC P.O. Box 682846 Houston, Texas 77		
Questions/concerns call CTI	RAC Tuesday & Thursday, unless otherwise	indicated on voice message, or e-mail.
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licensing agency, and/or any crimes and/or the prohibited sale, distributing identify all investigations, allegations currently imprisoned, on probation of until 3 years following the exhaustion	involving violence, rape, assault, sexual abung or possession of a controlled substance. Cs, charges and outcomes. Attach documentator parole or a case is being appealed, CTRAC n of your appeal, completion of probation or psuance of a sanction or other decision.	Ise, use or threatened use of a weapon, On an attached sheet of paper, you must tion if available. NOTE: if you are C will deny certification or recertification
DECLARATIONS AGREEMENT understood CTRAC's standards,	RAC APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT : By signing, I acknowledge and affirm the rules and requirements and that I agree the Declarations Agreement above. Appli	nat I have carefully read and to be
PRINTED NAME:	SIGNATURE:	DATE:



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FOR TRACK 1 ACADEMIC PATH APPLICATION

Agency Field Placement Verification Form

TRS/TXC or CTRS Agency Field Placement Su	ipervisor	Area Code and Pho	one Number	
Agency Name & Address		Area Code and Fax		
Agency City, State, Zip Code		Agency Email Addre		
Agency City, State, 21p code		Agency Linan Addre	233	
Verification of Field Placement: The				
recreation/recreation therapy. Plea	•	perience by answer	ring the questions	s provided and signing
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First Month/Day/Year of Placement	Final Month/Day/Year of Placemen	nt Total Weekly	Hours Per Week	Total Hours
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Your signature must be in the presence notary seal. Forms without a notary sea	al will not be accepted.	. , , ,		
Agency Supervisor's Name:		signature		
CTRAC/or NCTRC Certification Number: Notary Public of the State of		Date:		



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FOR TRACK 2-4 EQUIVALENCY PATH APPLICATION Employment Information Release and Authorization

pplic	Human Resource or Personnel Director	Code and Phane Name	201		
a l		a Code and Phone Num			
d b	Agency Address Area	a Code and Fax Phone N	umber		
tec	Agency City, State, Zip Code Ager	ncy Email Address		-	
Section to be completed by applicant	Applicant Release and Authorization: Permission is hereby granted to furnish Consortium of Therapeutic Recreation/Activities Certification (CTRAC), information		cation requ	irements to the	
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your sig	gnature must be witnessed by an authorized notary.	Fl.	- f l		-11 A -
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Section to be completed by Employer	2. Subject to an investigation or disciplinary action, suspension or termination or other health care organization that directly related to the provision	of	YES	NO	
q p	therapeutic recreation/recreation therapy service and/or public health and safety? 3. Subject to an investigation or disciplinary action by a government entity or		YES	NO	
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Notary	, 20, the individual personally appeared before me and stated under o		erjury that t	the information	



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CTRAC APPLICATION PAYMENT FORM

Print all information clearly

Applicants Full Name	me	am	vai	N	ш	uı	Н	nts	ca	ш	a	۱b	Α
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All fees are non-refundable

CHECK/MONEY ORDER/MONEY GRAM/ CASHIER'S CHECK (\$40 return check fee)	Check that apply	Amount	
Therapeutic Recreation Associate Application		\$	75.00
Therapeutic Recreation Associate Examination (Due and payable, if the applicant is eligible for examination.)		\$	50.00
Therapeutic Recreation Associate Study Guide		\$	25.00
CREDIT CARD PAYMENT (fee includes a \$5.00 processing fee) (\$30 non-capture fee)		Amount	
Therapeutic Recreation Associate Application		\$	80.00
Therapeutic Recreation Associate Examination (Due and payable, if the applicant is eligible for examination.)		\$	55.00
Therapeutic Recreation Associate Study Guide		\$	30.00
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID		\$	

PAYING BY CREDIT CARD; check which credit card you are using and all information below

Cardholder Name:			
Cardholder Address:			
City:	State	Zip	Code:
Phone:	E-Mail Address		
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Checks returned by bank for insufficient		additional \$40.00	
Non-capture payment of credit cards w	ill be charged an additiond	al \$30.00	
Check/Money Order/Cashier Check Ma	de Payable to CTRAC		
Mail application & Payment form to	CTRAC, P.O. Box 682846	Houston, Texas 77268	
Attached Check/Money Order/Cashier Check #		is made in the amount of \$	