

# CRCC Certification Overview: Value & Benefits

COMMISSION ON REHABILITATION COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION

*ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CERTIFYING AGENCIES*



# OUR MISSION

The mission of the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification is dedicated to the excellence of rehabilitation counseling and services for individuals with disabilities by setting the national standard in certification, providing leadership, education, advocacy, and supporting research.

A photograph of three business professionals (two men and one woman) sitting around a table in a meeting, smiling and engaged in conversation. The image is overlaid with a blue tint. At the top left, there is a decorative graphic with green and blue curved shapes.

# OUR VISION

CRCC's vision is to serve as a leader in the unification of the rehabilitation counseling profession and for the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) to be recognized as the credential of excellence for professionals assisting individuals who have disabilities to live fully integrated lives.

# The CRC Credential

- ▶ The Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) validates rehabilitation counselors' specialty knowledge.
  - ▶ The CRC Exam incorporates the latest rehabilitation counseling standards.
  - ▶ These standards result from the Role and Function Study focusing on the knowledge and skills rehabilitation counselors need to succeed.
  - ▶ Eligibility to become certified is also based on experience gained through practicums and internships.

# CRC Exam:

Role & Function Study  
to Certification Standards

## CRC Exam Development Process

Standard Setting

Statistical Analysis

Exam Review

Exam Assembly

Item Review

Item Writing

Test Specifications

Role and Function Study

# Accreditation

- ▶ CRCC is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).



# Certifying through CRCC

- ▶ CRCC's nationally recognized credentialing program certifies individual rehabilitation counselors.
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## Why Become Certified?

- ▶ Unlike other counseling professionals, CRCs are uniquely qualified to help individuals with disabilities acclimate into the workplace and community. CRCs help employers make their workplaces more receptive and inclusive for individuals with disabilities.
- ▶ Employers and those with disabilities who use CRCs also have a critical vested interest in ensuring the services being performed are of the highest standards.



# Why Become Certified through CRCC?

## **The CRC certification is the gold standard.**

- ❖ The CRC certification also establishes a recognizable point of differentiation with employers and clients, which promotes consumer confidence and protection in the workplace.
- ❖ You'll be ahead of the competition: CRCs possess a marketable and valuable credential that distinguishes them from other counseling professionals
- ❖ CRCs are the highly sought-after rehabilitation counseling experts. They possess insights and dedication to achieve successful rehabilitation outcomes, offer a dynamic level of focus to serve individuals in need of rehabilitation services addressing personal, social, and vocational goals.
- ❖ CRCs are in demand and the need is growing.
- ❖ Career longevity: Your education and skills can lead to employment longevity that benefits both employers and you.
- ❖ You'll build your reputation in your professional field

# Benefits of the CRC Credential

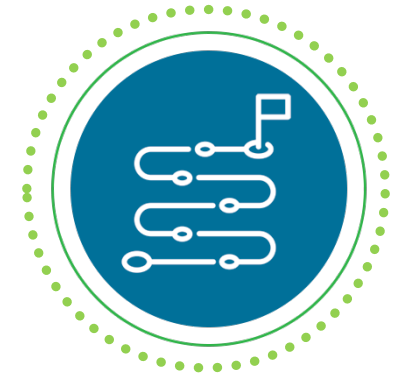
## ACHIEVEMENT

This important personal and professional accomplishment can potentially raise visibility and global recognition of our profession.



## RECOGNIZED BY PEERS AND CLIENTS

The CRC credential garners respect and is a marketable distinction from other counseling professionals.



## GREATER FOCUS ON CAREER

It allows for faster career advancement with higher earning potential and more professional mobility.



## ASSURED AND MEASURED APPROACH

CRCs act ethically and have sound codes of conduct and practice assuring a confident approach to work, which serves as a model for professional development, lifelong learning, and dedication to excellence.

# Steps for Students to Apply

- ▶ [Create a CRCC account.](#)
- ▶ Begin the online application process.
- ▶ Submit transcripts and forms.
- ▶ Complete the application and pay application fee.
- ▶ Prepare for the exam.
  - ▶ Once the student receives the Authorization to Test letter, schedule the exam through Prometric Testing Centers.
- ▶ Take the exam.
  - ▶ Results are available immediately.
- ▶ Become certified once you pass the test and the degree is conferred (students may test prior to graduation).

# About Certification Renewal

Once the credential is earned, maintain it through the renewal process.

- ▶ Renewal is due every 5 years.
- ▶ CRCs have the option to renew by continuing education or by exam.
  - ▶ Continuing education activities can be entered using your CRCCconnect account at any time. When renewal is due, continuing education credits are available in your CRCC account.
- ▶ Complete the renewal application online. Certifications are renewed at designated 5-year periods.

# Certification Renewal

- ▶ How to renew:
  1. Mandatory 100 hours of CE, including a minimum of 10 hours in ethics
  2. Complete the disclosure
  3. Pay renewal fee
- ▶ CRCC eUniversity is a great place to complete the CE requirements.





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