



Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification Joins Tomorrow's Workforce Coalition To Strengthen Economy

Coalition supports Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act, which would expand qualified expenses for postsecondary training, including Rehabilitation Counselor Certification

NOVEMBER 15, 2023, Schaumburg, IL – [The Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification \(CRCC\)](#), an organization dedicated to the excellence of rehabilitation counseling for individuals with disabilities, is proud to join [The Tomorrow's Workforce Coalition](#) to advocate for beneficial workforce development policy that would strengthen the economy now and into the future.

The Coalition supports the bipartisan, bicameral Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act (S. 722 / H.R. 1477), would transform 529 savings plans from college savings plans to career savings plans, empowering Americans of any educational background, skill level or age to achieve their career goals that previously incurred significant cost. If enacted, this legislation would cover costs associated with the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) credential and its renewal. CRCs are nationally accredited, graduate-level specialists who help individuals with all types of disabilities—physical, cognitive, mental—define their vocational potential and achieve fulfilling, independent lives.

“Skills training and development programs help provide people with the tools and resources they need to succeed in our economy,” said Senator Amy Klobuchar, a champion of the bill. “By allowing workers to use their ‘529’ educational savings to pay for additional training and certification, our bipartisan legislation will enable more Americans to access and benefit from these valuable programs.”

“CRCs serve a deeply vulnerable, often overlooked part of our society, and ensuring a robust talent pipeline to support individuals with disabilities is a crucial aspect of CRCC’s work,” said Pam Shlemon, Executive Director of CRCC. “Our profession is on track for significant growth over the next decade, but to meet the needs of our clients, we need to reduce existing barriers to entry of our work. This starts with supporting the Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow’s Workforce Act, which would offset the costs of the CRC exam, credential and renewal costs.”

Today, [nearly 1 in 4 Americans](#) have a disability that impacts their ability to work. CRCs help individuals with disabilities navigate the challenges of their vocation through a holistic, evidence based approach. Their expertise in disability equips them to systematically assess and evaluate their clients to help them succeed in their careers.

The Tomorrow's Workforce Coalition includes nearly 600 organizations across 40 industries. The bill is being championed by Senator Amy Klobuchar, Senator Mike Braun, Representative Rob Wittman and Representative Abigail Spanberger.

To learn more about Certified Rehabilitation Counselors, please visit: crccertification.com/crc-certification/

About Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification

The Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) credentials graduate-level certified rehabilitation counselors (CRCs) in comprehensive, evidence-based and ethical practices to equip youth and adults with every type of disability—physical, cognitive, mental—to live self-sufficient lives. For more information, please visit: <https://crccertification.com>