

21 NCAC 65 .0601 is amended as published in 34:07 NCR 554 with changes as follows:

21 NCAC 65 .0601 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED RECREATIONAL THERAPIST AND LICENSED RECREATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

(a) During the two-year licensing period, a ~~recreational therapist~~ Recreational Therapist or recreational therapy assistant Recreational Therapy Assistant who is licensed by the North Carolina Board of Recreation Therapy Licensure shall complete continuing education as ~~outlined below.~~ set forth in this Rule. Candidates for license renewal must complete a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education to renew the license. The renewal cycle is two years prior to licensee's expiration date, and 20 hours or 2.0 CEUs must be earned within these two years.

(b) Values shall be awarded as the follows:

0.1 CEU (Continuing Education Unit) = one contact hour

1.0 CEU (Continuing Education Unit) = ten hours

2.0 CEUs = 20 Hours of Continuing Education every two years

No credit ~~[will]~~ shall be awarded for sessions less than one hour in length.

~~Renewal Cycle is two years back from renewal due date~~

(c) Content of continuing education must be consistent with the current standards listed in the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Council Job Analysis, which is hereby incorporated by reference, including Analysis and any subsequent amendments or changes. A copy of the Analysis can be accessed at the NCTRC website at no cost. A licensee shall acquire credit through professional service, continuing education courses, academic courses, and professional publications and presentations.

(d) A licensee seeking renewal earning continuing education credit approved by the International Council on Continuing Education (IACET) shall include documentation in licensees' renewal application showing credit earned, content, the licensee's name and attendance dates. A licensee seeking renewal credit for sessions not approved by ~~IACET, IACET~~ must send documentation to show name, content, attendance attendance, and amount of credit earned. Documentation to support renewal credit earned for attending professional sessions shall be a transcript, certificate, letter from the continuing education's provider's letter-head-letterhead, or the licensee's employer's training log including the content, attendance dates, licensee's name and credit earned.

(e) A licensee seeking renewal credits for academic ~~courses;~~ courses shall submit official transcript with course(s) and credit earned. One semester hour = 15 hours.

(f) A licensee seeking renewal credits from professional publications and presentations shall earn no more than 10 hours in the area of professional publications and presentations. Credit shall not be given for repeat or multiple presentations of same seminar, publication, in-service, original paper or poster presentation during a renewal cycle. Credit shall be split equally between presenters. Documentation for publications shall be a copy of the title page, table of contents contents, and publication date. Documentation for presentations shall be in the form of letter from the sponsoring body stating the licensee's name, date, content and the length of presentation.

(g) Values for publications and presentations are as follows:

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| 1 | (1) | Authoring and publishing printed editorials | one hour |
| 2 | (2) | Authoring and publishing peer reviewed articles on original research | six hours |
| 3 | (3) | Authoring and publishing professional newsletter article | one hour |
| 4 | (4) | Editing a textbook of original work | four hours |
| 5 | (5) | Authoring and publishing a textbook chapter of original work | six hours |
| 6 | (6) | Authoring and publishing a peer reviewed journal article of | |
| 7 | | professional practice | four hours |
| 8 | (7) | Authoring and publishing a journal reviews or book review | one hour |
| 9 | (8) | Presenting peer reviewed poster session | one hour |
| 10 | (9) | Authoring and publishing a research abstract | one hour |
| 11 | (10) | Authoring and publishing a textbook of original work | ten hours |
| 12 | (11) | Authoring unpublished masters or doctoral thesis | eight hours |
| 13 | (12) | Presenting one hour at professional meetings | two hours |
- (h) Licensees seeking renewal credit for field-placement intern supervision shall be granted credit for no more than two field placement students during a renewal cycle for three hours credit per intern. Submission of the NCBRTL Clinical Appraisal and Reference Summary Form **is shall be** accepted documentation. The NCBRTL Clinical Appraisal and Reference Summary Form can be found on the Board website, www.ncbrtl.org
- ~~(g)~~ **(i)** Licensees shall attend the Board's Compliance and Ethics Training for four hours **of** credit during their first year of licensure. Existing licensees may attend the Board's Compliance and Ethics training for four hours **of** renewal credit.
- ~~(+)~~ **(j)** Licensees seeking renewal credit submission for on-line training shall submit as proof of completion a certificate, letter or transcript as follows:
- (1) documentation to show content of the session(s);
 - (2) documentation to show licensees' date of completion of the session;
 - (3) documentation to support amount of credit awarded; and
 - (4) the website address of the sponsoring body.
- ~~(j)~~ **(k)** Licensee A licensee seeking renewal credit for professional Recreational Therapy board member service shall be documented by letter of service from the professional board stating the dates served. One hour **of** credit shall be given for one year's service. If the year's service crosses over the licensee's renewal cycle, credit can be used for next renewal cycle.
- History Note: Authority G.S. ~~90C-2; 90C-24(a)(3); 90C-24;~~
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**21 NCAC 65 .0602 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED RECREATIONAL THERAPIST AND
LICENSED RECREATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT**

- (a) Board staff shall send a renewal and fee notice to a licensee 60 days prior to the expiration date at the licensees' last known contact address listed on licensee's online profile unless a person has advised the Board that he or she does not intend to renew the license. Pursuant to Rule .0603 of this Section, it is the responsibility of the licensee to keep ~~his or her~~ the licensee's address current on the ~~his or her~~ licensee's online profile on Board website, www.ncbrtl.org.
- (b) Licenses issued shall be subject to renewal every two years and shall include documentation as referenced in required by Rule .0601 in this Section to support completion of continuing education requirements. ~~[-A] The two-~~ year cycle renews every two years on the licensee's birth month. A licensee must submit the documentation [referenced in Rule .0601] to NCBRTL postmarked or uploaded online on Board's website www.ncbrtl.org by the 15th of the licensee's birth month.
- (c) A [Licensee] licensee who is due for renewal and wants to submit required documentation received after the 15th of licensee's birth month ~~[will]~~ shall be given a grace period until the 30th of the birth month. The grace period allows the NCBRTL Board to review submitted documentation and contact the licensee for any additional information and corrections. This grace period allows a [Licensee] licensee to make any required corrections before the 30th, when a license becomes lapsed. During a grace ~~[period]~~ period, a [Licensee] licensee may ~~[seek/attend]~~ attend conferences but must receive [require board] Board approval in order for the continuing education credits to count for licensee's current renewal documentation. Any [Licensee] licensee who ~~[misses the 15th due date and]~~ applies to renew with a lapsed license (after the 30th) will be required to fill out a reinstatement-application as stated in Rule .0701.
- ~~(e)-(d)~~ Each licensee shall complete and submit a renewal application, continuing education documentation and [update] an updated color photo of the ~~licensee~~-licensee, if the individual determines his or her appearance has changed since the last application. All materials shall be postmarked or submitted on his or her online profile on the Board website by the 15th of the licensee's birth month. If the renewal application and fee is not received or postmarked by the ~~30th~~ 15th of the licensee's birth month, the license shall ~~expire~~. expire on the 30th of licensee's birth month.
- (e) First year [Licensee's] licensees must complete a mandatory Compliance and Ethics Training offered by NCBRTL within their first year of issue date. Proof of attendance, given at training, must be included with Renewal application.

History Note: Authority G.S. 90C-24(a)(3); 90-29;

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21 NCAC 65 .0701 is amended as published in 34:07 NCR 554 with changes as follows:

.0701 REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED LICENSE

(a) A recreational therapist or a recreational therapy assistant whose license has lapsed and who desires reinstatement of that license ~~must~~ shall:

- (1) Complete a reinstatement ~~license~~ application form with current contact and employment information provided by the Board within 60 days of expiration;
- (2) Submit evidence of satisfaction of all court conditions resulting from any misdemeanor or felony ~~conviction(s)~~ conviction(s), if applicable;
- (3) Submit evidence of meeting education and competency requirements pursuant to Rule .0301 or Rule .0302 as applicable at the time of reinstatement;
- (4) Submit evidence of meeting continuing education requirements in accordance with Rule .0601; and
- (5) Submit payment of application fee and any missed Renewal or Maintenance licensure fees.

(b) Persons whose license is suspended for failure to ~~renew~~ renew, pursuant to G.S. 90C, must not practice recreational therapy and must not hold themselves out as licensed by the Board until they apply for and receive reinstatement of their license by the Board.

(c) The Board shall inform the applicant in writing of the Board's decision within 30 days after the application deadline and the Board finds the complete application shows the requirements have been ~~successfully meet~~ met.

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21 NCAC 65 .0801 is amended as published in 34:07 NCR 554 with changes as follows:

21 NCAC 65 .0801 INACTIVE STATUS

(a) A licensee shall request inactive status by completing the Inactive Status Request Form, that includes the licensee's contact information, the number of [year's]-years requested, and the reason for request the request, and paying the fee set forth in Rule .0501 of this Chapter. The form is available through the Board or Board's website, www.ncbrtl.org.

(b) While on inactive status, an individual shall not practice recreational therapy in North Carolina.

(c) A Licensed Recreational Therapist or Licensed Recreational Therapy Assistant who has been on inactive status for a period of one year or less may convert to active status by:

(1) Submission of a reinstatement application as set forth in Rule .0701 in this Chapter to the Board;

(2) Completion of 10 continuing education hours, or the amount of hours as set forth in Rule .0601 in this Chapter for license renewal for a Licensed Recreational Therapist or Licensed Recreational Therapy Assistant; and

(3) Payment of the license renewal fee.

(d) A Licensed Recreational Therapist or Licensed Recreational Therapy Assistant who has been on inactive status for a period greater than one year may convert to active status by:

(1) Submission of a reinstatement application as set forth in Rule .0701 in this Chapter to the Board;

(2) Completion of 10 continuing education hours per year of inactive status, or the amount of hours, hours as set forth in Rule .0601 in this Chapter for license renewal; and

(3) Payment of the current license renewal fee.

(e) A Licensed Recreational Therapist who has been on inactive status for a period greater than five years may convert to active status by:

(1) Submission of a reinstatement application as set forth in Rule .0701 in this Chapter to the Board;
and

(2) Submission of proof of passage of the examination as set forth in Rule .0301 in this Chapter.

(f) The [Inactive]-inactive request must be received by the Board on or before 15th of Licensee's birth month or due date.

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21 NCAC 65 .0902 is amended as published in 34:07 NCR with changes as follows:

21 NCAC 65 .0902 MILITARY ENDORSEMENT

(a) The military trained applicant for licensure by endorsement shall make application to the Board by showing his or her credentials are substantially equivalent or exceed the requirements for licensure, as set forth in Section .0300 of this Chapter.

(b) The application in Paragraph (a) of this Rule shall be accompanied by:

(1) A color photograph;

(2) Official college transcripts from all colleges attended;

(3) Verification of passage of the Exam given by National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification;

~~(4) The licensure fee as set forth in Rule .0501 in this Chapter;~~

~~(5)~~ (4) Verification of military training as a MOS Recreational Therapist or MOS Recreational Therapy Assistant;

~~(6)~~ (5) Verification of two years of active practice within the five years preceding the date of application as a MOS Recreational Therapist or MOS Recreational Therapy Assistant; and

~~(7)~~ (6) A statement that the applicant has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license to practice that occupation in this State at the time the act was committed.

(c) Applicants pursuant to G.S. 93B-15.1(a2) shall pass the Military Exemption MOS Recreational Therapy Examination given by the North Carolina Board of Recreational Therapy Licensure.

(d) A military spouse applicant for licensure by endorsement, who possesses a current license whose licensure requirements are substantially equivalent or exceed the requirements for licensure in North Carolina shall make application with and be evaluated by the Board as set forth in Section .0300 of this Chapter.

(e) The application in Paragraph ~~d)~~ (d) shall be accompanied by:

(1) A color photograph;

(2) Official college transcripts from all colleges attended;

(3) Verification of current state license;

(4) Verification of passage of the Exam given by National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification; **and**

~~(5) The licensure fee as set forth in Rule .0501 of this Chapter; and~~

~~(6)~~ (5) A statement that the applicant has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license to practice that occupation in this State at the time the act was committed.

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