

1 21 NCAC 65 .0301 IS PROPOSED FOR AMENDMENT AS FOLLOWS:

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3 **21 NCAC 65 .0301 MINIMUM LEVEL OF EDUCATION AND COMPETENCY FOR LICENSED**
4 **RECREATIONAL THERAPIST**

5 (a) For the purposes of G.S. 90C-27(a), a candidate for licensure as a recreational therapist shall have graduated from
6 an accredited college or university with a baccalaureate degree or higher and with a major or specialization in
7 recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation. The academic major or specialization shall be verified by an official
8 transcript.

9 (b) For the purposes of this Rule, the following terms mean:

10 (1) An "academic major" is defined as a degree in recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation.

11 (2) A "specialization in recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation" is defined as a degree in
12 recreation and leisure studies, or recreation, or health and physical education, or health and human
13 performance with a specialization, also known as an option, emphasis, or concentration, in
14 therapeutic recreation or recreational therapy.

15 (3) An "accredited college or university" is defined as a college or university accredited by an
16 accreditation body recognized by the United States Department of Education or by the Committee
17 on Accreditation of Recreational Therapy Education (CARTE) under the Commission of
18 Accreditation of Allied Health Education (CAAHEP).

19 (c) An academic major or specialization is defined by the following components:

20 (1) Coursework for a degree or specialization in recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation shall
21 reflect six courses, three hours per course in which the title, course description, and course outline
22 reflects recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation content related to the "APIE(D) Process".
23 Course titles may include Introduction or Foundations, Assessment, Planning, Implementation,
24 Evaluation, Research, and Advancement of the Profession. Topics that should be addressed in
25 classes should include Ethics, Standards of Practice, documentation. Recreational
26 Therapy/Therapeutic Recreation coursework offered in North Carolina must be taught by a licensed
27 recreational therapist (LRT) or out of state by a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS).
28 For candidates for licensure who have passed the NCTRC examination and were certified by the
29 National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification, a therapeutic recreation or recreational
30 therapy content course taught is considered the same as a therapeutic recreation or recreational
31 therapy content course taken.

32 (2) "Supportive coursework" are courses, not including the recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation
33 content courses, that provide knowledge necessary to develop the ability to practice recreational
34 therapy or therapeutic recreation and are required for the major or specialization in recreational
35 therapy or therapeutic recreation. Supportive courses provide knowledge about human development,
36 human functioning, health, health care and human services, illness and disabling conditions.
37 Supportive courses for a degree or specialization in recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation

1 shall include three semester hours of anatomy and physiology, three semester hours of abnormal
2 psychology, three semester hours of human growth and development across the lifespan, and nine
3 semester hours in the area of health and human services. Health and human services coursework
4 may include content in the areas of education, ethics, and other supportive courses related to the
5 practice of recreational therapy.

6 (3) In addition to the coursework required in Subparagraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this Rule, a field placement
7 course shall be required for an academic major or specialization in therapeutic recreation or
8 recreational therapy.

9 (A) A "field placement course," sometimes called an "internship course," is a course taken for
10 college or university credit and shall require clinical education in an agency providing
11 therapeutic recreation services to clients. The field placement or internship course shall
12 meet the criteria for a field placement set forth by the NCTRC in the NCTRC Standards
13 publication herein incorporated by reference including any subsequent amendments and
14 editions. A copy of the NCTRC field placement requirements may be obtained at no cost
15 on the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC) website at:
16 <http://www.nctrc.org> .

17 (B) A "university supervisor" of a field placement course is defined as the university faculty
18 assigned to supervise the student and course from the university. If the university is in
19 North Carolina, University supervisors shall be licensed by the North Carolina Board of
20 Recreational Therapy Licensure (NCBRTL) throughout the entire internship experience.

21 (C) An "agency supervisor" is the recreational therapist or therapeutic recreation specialist, in
22 an agency providing therapeutic recreation or recreational therapy services to patients or
23 clients, assigned to provide clinical supervision to the field placement student from the
24 agency. Supervisors of students completing field placements in North Carolina shall be
25 licensed by the North Carolina Board of Recreational Therapy Licensure (NCBRTL)
26 throughout the entire internship experience.

27 (D) "Successful performance" in a field placement course is defined as a grade of D or Pass
28 awarded by the university supervisor. "Successful performance from the agency
29 supervisor" is defined by an overall rating of "Achieves Expectations" documented on the
30 Clinical Performance Appraisal and Summary Reference Form, (CPASRF) that may be
31 accessed at the Board's website, www.ncbrtl.org or by contacting the Board. The CPASRF
32 includes the content and performance criteria from the ATRA SOP, as set forth in Rule
33 .0203 of this Chapter. The CPASRF is provided by the Board or at the Board's website
34 www.ncbrtl.org

35 (d) Candidates for licensure who have been certified as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, (CTRS™) by
36 the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC) ~~since 1990~~ and have completed all
37 recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation content courses, and all support content course requirements, but

1 ~~have not completed an internship or field placement course cannot locate their internship supervisor, shall file an~~
2 Internship Supervisor Location Appeals Form and shall be issued a license to practice as a recreational therapist
3 if they verify a minimum of one year of successful performance as a recreational therapist or therapeutic recreation
4 specialist during which time they were a " CTRS™ by the NCTRC. Successful work performance shall be verified
5 to the NCBRTL on a CPASRF provided by NCBRTL. "Successful performance" is defined as an overall rating
6 completed by the agency supervisor of "Achieves Expectations" on the CPASRF provided by the NCBRTL.

- 7 (e) Successful passage of the NCTRC examination shall be determined by the NCTRC. Applicants for licensure shall
8 submit evidence of successful passage of the NCTRC examination to the NCBRTL. Evidence of successful
9 passage of the NCTRC examination shall be copy of his or her NCTRC certificate or a successful passage
10 notification letter from
11 NCTRC.

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17 *2018.*
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SECTION .0500 – LICENSURE FEES

21 NCAC 65 .0501 LICENSURE FEES

- (a) A cashier's check, money order, certified check, an employer's check, or online payment is acceptable for the initial application licensure fees.
- (b) Fees are nonrefundable and payable to the North Carolina Board of Recreational Therapy Licensure. A cashier's check, money order, certified check, an employer's check, personal checks, or online payment shall be accepted for payment of renewal fee and record maintenance fee. The processing fee for returned checks shall be the maximum allowed by law.

(c) The Board shall collect the following fees:

(1)	Initial Application for Licensure Fee	
	(A) Licensed Recreational Therapist	\$100.00
	(B) Licensed Recreational Therapy Assistant	\$50.00
(2)	Licensure renewal fees (due every two years)	
	(A) Licensed Recreational Therapist	\$75.00 <u>\$85.00</u>
	(B) Licensed Recreational Therapy Assistant	\$35.00 <u>\$40.00</u>
(3)	Inactive status	\$35.00 <u>\$45.00</u>
(4)	Record Maintenance fee (due non- renewal year)	
	(A) Licensed Recreational Therapist	\$75.00 <u>\$80.00</u>
	(B) Licensed Recreational Therapy Assistant	\$35.00 <u>\$40.00</u>

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SECTION .0700 – REINSTATEMENT

21 NCAC 65 .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 shall:

- (1) Complete a reinstatement application form with current contact and employment information provided by the Board within 60 days of ~~expiration~~; expiration or missed submissions of Record Maintenance Fee or Renewal fee and application with continuing education;
- (2) Submit evidence of satisfaction of all court conditions resulting from any misdemeanor or felony 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 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 met.

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