

FACTS REGARDING STATE CERTIFICATION

Goal of Certification

The purpose of the California Board of Recreation and Park Certification is to develop and maintain a program of voluntary registration and certification that will assure high standards for professional preparation and conduct of recreation and park personnel in order to protect the health and welfare of consumers of recreation and park services in our great state of California.

Why Professionals in California Should Be Certified:

- ❖ Certification promotes professionalism
- ❖ Certification encourages respect from colleagues
- ❖ Certification links university curricula with practical experience
- ❖ Certification promotes increased salaries and more jobs
- ❖ Certification provides accountability
- ❖ CBRPC exams are administered at the local level
- ❖ CBRPC exams were developed by California professionals
- ❖ State certification plans are more accessible to professionals and responsive to their needs
- ❖ State certification plans keep costs at a lower level than other plans
- ❖ CBRPC was established in 1954 and is one of the oldest certification plans

CERTIFICATION PLANS OFFERED:

Recreation Therapist Certified – RTC

Qualifying Requirements

- ❖ Baccalaureate or graduate degree in Therapeutic Recreation or in Recreation with Specialization in Therapeutic Recreation
- ❖ Therapeutic recreation, general recreation and related course work & Fieldwork/Internship or work experience
- ❖ Renewal every 2 years with fee and proof of 2.0 CEU's related to field

Recreator Certified – RC

Qualifying Requirements

- ❖ Baccalaureate or graduate degree in Recreation
- ❖ Renewal every 2 years with fee & proof of 2.0 CEU's related to field

Recreation Therapist Assistant – RTAR

Qualifying Requirements

- ❖ This classification registers individuals qualified by training and experience to conduct and administer therapeutic recreation services at a paraprofessional level
- ❖ This plan does not require an examination and does not take the place of a certified recreation therapist

Certification Exam

Exams are administered in person statewide 2 times a year, once in the fall and spring
Examinations are held in different locations throughout the state.

Fieldwork/Internship Agency and University Curricula Approval

The CBRPC has established criteria for the approval of therapeutic recreation internship/fieldwork agencies in addition to therapeutic recreation curricula at state universities.