

Certification Task Force Update

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This is a very exciting time to be involved as the new Certification Director for the CTRA. At the 2002 CTRA Conference, Certification was identified as an important goal for our membership. Recreation Therapists would like increased professional requirements.

What is Certification? Certification is the self-regulation by a professional association and can coincide with licensing which is the government regulation of that profession. Both are important in ensuring professionals have standardized levels of knowledge and skills to practice their respective professions.

How will the CTRA achieve this goal for Recreation Therapists across Canada? Our idea is a Task Force on Certification. The ultimate goal for this Task Force is to develop a method of Certification for Canadian Therapeutic Recreation Professionals.

This is a thrilling time for Canadian Therapeutic Recreation Professionals and you could be part of it all! I am looking for people who are interested in being a part of the Certification Task Force. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested or perfect to be a part of this task force, please submit those names to me with contact information. If you have submitted names in the past, please resubmit those names since it has been awhile since those names were once collected. You can e-mail me at tgoncalv@lrha.ab.ca or call me at (780) 632-2871.