Now is the time to earn your CRC.

Rehabilitation counselors who have earned the CRC designation possess a marketable and valued credential that distinguishes them from other counseling professionals in working with individuals with disabilities.

Find out how.
The Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) is the world's largest rehabilitation counseling organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with disabilities. Since 1974, CRCC has set the standard for competent delivery of quality rehabilitation counseling services through its nationally accredited and internationally recognized Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) certification program.

The CRC Credential

The CRC is the premier credential designed specifically for rehabilitation counselors. CRCC developed its credentialing process in an effort to enhance the quality of services delivered to individuals with disabilities.

A Recognizable Difference

The CRC credential can lead to job placements, job advancement, salary advancement, and referrals from both medical and non-medical professionals.

Accredited by NCCA

Accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), the CRC certification program aids in the assurance that certificants meet nationally accepted standards of quality in their practice and have the requisite educational and professional background.
Benefits of CRC Certification

As a rehabilitation counselor, earning your CRC certification means you possess a marketable and valued credential that distinguishes you from other counseling professionals.

CRC certification also establishes a recognizable point of differentiation with employers and clients who value an advanced level of specialized education and training, an adherence to rigid standards of ethical practice, and an ongoing commitment to lifelong learning.

As a rehabilitation counselor, earning your CRC certification can benefit you professionally and financially.

“As a CRC, I possess a unique credential that distinguishes me from other counseling professionals.”

Jamie Schutte, Ph.D, CRC
In 2014, the American Counseling Association (ACA) undertook a historic project on behalf of counselors – the first ever Counselor Compensation Study. Nearly 9,000 counselors from across the nation – including rehabilitation counselors – participated in what is expected to become an annual survey of the counselor workforce. The survey covered education, work history, certification, work setting, and other factors as well.

In the survey, rehabilitation counselors came out on top!

**Better Pay**

Rehabilitation Counselors are the most highly paid counseling specialty on average and earn over $13,000 more than Clinical Mental Health Counselors, Mental Health Counselors, or Community Counselors, on average. This is true across most geographies.*

**Better Benefits**

Rehabilitation Counselors receive better overall benefits than other professional counselors. These include employee retirement plans, medical coverage, dental, vision, and short-term and long-term disability.*

**Better Choice**

Choosing a career as a rehabilitation counselor and earning your CRC means more personal and professional rewards.

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*American Counseling Association Counselor Compensation Study 2014*
CRCC Code of Professional Ethics

All Certified Rehabilitation Counselors (CRCs) are bound to act in accordance with the Code of Professional Ethics for Rehabilitation Counselors. The standards in this mandatory code are intended to assure the community that a rehabilitation counseling professional accepts the responsibility to provide ethical and caring service to individuals with disabilities.

Key Components of the Code of Ethics

- The Counseling Relationship
- Confidentiality, Privileged Communication, and Privacy
- Advocacy and Accessibility
- Professional Responsibility
- Relationships with Other Professionals
- Forensic and Indirect Services
- Evaluation, Assessment, and Interpretation
- Teaching, Supervision, and Training
- Research and Publication
- Technology and Distance Counseling
- Business Practices
- Resolving Ethical Issues

Click to learn more about the CRCC Code of Professional Ethics for Rehabilitation Counselors.
Taking the CRC Exam

The CRC Exam consists of 175 multiple-choice questions administered during an allotted 3.5 hours. There are three, 8-day testing windows each year.

Candidates should set aside four hours, which includes time for check-in, instructions, and a tutorial on the computer in order for candidates to become familiar with the computer system.

CRC Exam Content

The CRC certification examination is comprised of questions across ten knowledge domains underlying rehabilitation counseling.

CRC Knowledge Domains

1. Assessment, Appraisal, and Vocational Evaluation
2. Job Development, Job Placement, and Career and Lifestyle Development
3. Vocational Consultation and Services for Employers
4. Case Management, Professional Roles and Practices, and Utilization of Community Resources
5. Foundations of Counseling, Professional Orientation and Ethical Practice, Theories, Social and Cultural Issues, and Human Growth and Development
6. Group and Family Counseling
7. Mental Health Counseling
8. Medical, Functional, and Psychosocial Aspects of Disability
9. Disability Management
10. Research, Program Evaluation, and Evidenced-Based Practice

Click for more information about the CRC Exam.
CRC Exam Scoring

The CRC Exam is scored using a conjunctive scoring model whereby the examination is divided into two parts. One part tests knowledge with regard to counseling and the other part tests knowledge with regard to rehabilitation and disability issues.

Candidates must achieve a passing score on both parts in order to pass the examination as a whole.

CRC Exam Results - Immediate Scoring

CRC Exam results are provided to candidates at the test site following completion of the exam. Examinees will receive a score report indicating a pass or fail status.

Those who do not pass will receive a score report including diagnostic information that can be used for further study.

Click for more information about the CRC Exam.
CRC Exam Preparation

Offered by CRCC and hosted by Prometric, the CRC Interactive Practice Test is a 50-item practice test designed to assist candidates as they prepare to take the CRC Exam.

The CRC Interactive Practice Test:

- Taken online in the comfort of your own home or office
- Contains one set of 50 items representative of content on a live CRC Exam
- Allows a 72-hour window to take and retake the test
- Provides correct answers, rationale, and related references for each of the 50 items
- May be taken in 2 different modes – Test Mode and Study Mode – both within the 72-hour window
- Purchased for $39.99

Click for more information about the CRC Interactive Practice Test.
CRC Application

CRCC’s streamlined application process allows applicants to apply for the CRC Exam online. The completed application, with supporting documentation and fees, must be submitted using the CRCC Online Portal.

Click here to register and access the CRCC Online Portal.

CRC Exam Fees

- The application fee for all application categories is $385.
- The fee covers both application and examination fees.
- Applicants deemed ineligible to sit for the exam will receive a refund of $200; the portion of the total fee that is related to the cost of the examination.

Click for more information about applying for the CRC Exam.
Eligibility Requirements

The CRC Certification Guide contains important information including eligibility criteria, application deadlines, testing dates, and fees. Applicants must use the CRC Certification Guide to confirm the appropriate category under which they should apply.

When to Apply

- Applicants who intend to sit for the July exam need to apply mid-February for the July testing window.
- Applicants who intend to sit for the October exam need to apply mid-May for the October testing window.
- Applicants who intend to sit for the March exam need to apply mid-October for the March testing window.
Certification Renewal

CRCC believes that individuals who earn the CRC certification must continue to expand their skills to enhance the quality of services they provide.

Renewing your CRC certification is a simple process. CRC certification renewal, or recertification, may be obtained in one of two ways:

Option 1
By earning 100 clock hours of continuing education, 10 of which must be in Ethics.

Option 2
Through re-examination.

Complete criteria for certification renewal for both the continuing education and re-examination options is detailed in CRCC’s Criteria for Certification Renewal and Continuing Education manual.

“T’m so glad I’ve always renewed my CRC certification. It’s made all the difference in my career.”

Aliza Hauser, MA, CRC

The CRCC conducts a role and function study every 5 years to ensure the CRC certification process accurately reflects current rehabilitation counseling practices.

Consequently, to maintain their certification status, CRCs must renew their certification every 5 years.

Click for more information about CRC Certification Renewal.
Now is the time to earn your CRC.

Visit crccertification.com today.