



# CRCC Connections News Brief

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## ***CRCC Seeks Volunteers for Upcoming Item Writing Workshop***

CRCC is once again planning for our annual Item Writing Workshop. CRCC relies on the expertise of certified professionals in the field of rehabilitation counseling to develop new items for the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) examination. Participants not only lend their expertise to the profession and to CRCC, but also gain a wealth of knowledge with regard to the item writing process and are able to network with other professionals in the field.

The next Item Writing Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2012 through Saturday, March 17, 2012 and will be held in Schaumburg, Illinois. It is a two and one-half day Workshop. Participants will be required to arrive on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 and depart on Saturday, March 17, 2012 after 3:00 p.m.

CRCC provides the following for participation in the Item Writing Workshop:

- Hotel accommodations will be made for participants for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights at the expense of CRCC;
- Meals will be reimbursed in accordance with CRCC's reimbursement policy;
- Economy class air transportation will be provided to and from your nearest airport to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport at the expense of CRCC; and
- 18 hours of continuing education credits will be granted to each participant. Nine hours for attendance at the Workshop and nine hours upon completion of 15 written items.

In order to populate our item pool in needed areas, we will be asking Workshop participants to write items to the following content areas:

- ASSESSMENT AND VOCATIONAL EVALUATION
  - Computer-based and on-line assessment tools
- JOB DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT SERVICES
  - Job modifications and restructuring techniques
- VOCATIONAL CONSULTATION AND SERVICES FOR EMPLOYERS
  - Workplace culture, environment, and business terminology
  - Employer development for job placement
  - Consultation process with employers related to management of disability issues in the workplace

- CASE MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES
  - Case management tools
  - Case recording and documentation
  - Services available for a variety of rehabilitation populations, including persons with multiple disabilities
  - Techniques for working with individuals with limited English proficiency
  - Human resource practices, diversity in the workplace, and workplace support for people with disabilities
  - Community resources and services for rehabilitation planning
  - Financial resources for rehabilitation services
  - Healthcare benefits and delivery services
- INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING
  - Human growth and development
  - Theories and techniques of clinical supervision
  - Clinical problem-solving and critical-thinking skill
  - Internet-based counseling tools and resources
- MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING
  - Behavior and personality theory
  - Psychosocial and cultural impact of disability on the family
  - Work conditioning or work hardening resources and strategies
- RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE
  - Research databases (e.g. PsycINFO, MEDLINE) for locating empirically validated interventions
  - Systematic review/meta-analysis

If you are interested in participating in the 2012 Item Writing Workshop and writing items to one or more of the above content areas, please complete the Self-Nomination survey no later than January 30, 2012. The survey can be accessed via the following link: [Self-Nomination for CRCC Item Writing Workshop](#).

Please note that we can only accommodate 15 item writers, so if you are not selected for this Workshop, your name will kept on file for future Workshops.

If you have any questions about the Item Writing Workshop, please contact Susan Stark at [sstark@crccertification.com](mailto:sstark@crccertification.com).

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