



# CRCC Connections News Brief

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## *CRCC Exam Eligibility Category R: University Programs Are Now Available!*

In July 2010, CRCC instituted [Category R](#) - a new CRC Exam eligibility category that provides increased opportunity for CRC certification through the attainment of a post-graduate advanced certificate or degree in lieu of a second Master's degree in Counseling or Rehabilitation Counseling. Applying the same rigor as other categories, Category R enables qualified individuals with advanced degrees in thirteen areas of study to be eligible to sit for the CRC Exam upon completion of an integrated program of study focused on rehabilitation counseling coursework and having completed requisite employment experience. Details on Category R can be found on pages 9-10 of the [CRC Certification Guide](#).

The following universities have reported to CRCC that they now have available the post-graduate advanced certificate or degree program that supports Category R requirements:

**Hofstra University**, on-campus program  
**San Diego State University**, on-campus and distance education programs  
**University of Arkansas at Little Rock**, distance education program  
**Utah State University**, distance education program  
**Virginia Commonwealth University**, on-campus and distance education programs

Five additional universities report that they are planning to have their Category R programs available in Summer/Fall 2011. *(Please note that all universities should be contacted directly for details.)* For the complete, updated Category R University List, including university contact information, [view or print Category R - University List](#).

Category R represents a tremendous opportunity for public agencies. For directors and supervisors, Category R provides a mechanism to meet CSPD; enables a broader range of employee backgrounds to attain the CRC credential; saves time and money in attaining the CRC credential; and, promotes quality services to persons with disabilities. For employees, Category R saves time and money in attaining the CRC credential; expands practice setting opportunities; increases professional flexibility and mobility; and, allows individuals to supervise internships at universities.

"CRCC is pleased to see a quick response by universities with CORE-accredited rehabilitation counselor education programs in support of Category R. We continue to be excited about the opportunities Category R provides to a broader range of qualified individuals as they look to begin or advance their careers in rehabilitation counseling via certification. We encourage all directors and supervisors to make this new information available throughout their organizations."

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