



CRCC LAUNCHES STREAMLINED APPLICATION PROCESS AND COMPUTER-BASED TESTING

As the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) launches computer-based testing starting with the fall 2008 test cycle, the Commission is adopting an improved, streamlined application process. The new application process was adopted in response to CRCC's market survey and feedback from applicants and certificants.

The new application process features:

- Fewer steps involved in applying to sit for the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) certification examination
- Entire application packet - including fillable forms - available online, allowing applicants to download and print from the CRCC website all the necessary forms and the application
- Shortened process from beginning to end, with one submission of a complete application packet

The new application process is now in effect for the upcoming fall 2008 examination. Those wishing to sit for the fall examination must submit a **completed application packet no later than May 15, 2008**. Testing dates are October 3-11, 2008, with examination results expected to be mailed around November 17, 2008.

With the new streamlined process, applicants will be able to compile all required information and documentation as described in the application instructions available on the CRCC website, and then submit a complete application and fees by mail. Once eligibility is confirmed, the applicant would be able to schedule a time to take the certification examination at one of the more than 300 test sites.

Applicants will need to be sure to mail in a **complete** application packet, as instructions indicate. Otherwise, the application will be incomplete and eligibility to sit for the examination will not be determinable.

Although there are fee increases associated with the transition to computer-based testing, the CRCC has offset some of the costs with the efficiencies gained in streamlining the application process and strongly believes that applicants will derive much benefit from the overall improvements in the streamlined application process and the new computer-based testing.

"The CRCC is pleased to offer to prospective certificants a streamlined application process and computer-based testing. Computer-based testing, in particular, represents

a best practice in the delivery of examinations," stated Patricia Nunez, CRCC Exam Committee Chair.

Computer-based testing offers many advantages, including increased frequency and greater flexibility. With computer-based testing, the examination will be available over the course of three, eight-day periods a year, instead of the current offering of two days a year. The computer-based test will be three-and-a-half hours in length, shortened from the current six-hour format. (Test developer Prometric has determined that, although the examination has been shortened, neither the validity nor the reliability has been compromised.) Another benefit is that test results will be available in less than a month, instead of the current two-month waiting period.

"Computer-based testing and the streamlined application process represent significant improvements, which will make the entire application and testing experience more 'user friendly' and expeditious," Mary Barros-Bailey, CRCC Chair, added.

For more information, please see the CRCC website at www.crc certification.com.

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