Recreational Therapy, New Hampshire

Recreational Therapists provide a treatment service designed to restore, remediate, and rehabilitate a person’s functioning and independence in life activities, promote health and wellness as well as reduce or eliminate the activity limitations and restrictions to participation in life situations caused by an illness or disabling condition.

Legislation
Statutes: NH RSA 326-J and 328-F
Administrative Rules: Chapters Ahp 100-300 and Rec 100-500

Licensure Requirements
• Must be at least 18 years of age
• Be of good moral character
• Successfully complete an academic program with a baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited college or university with a major in therapeutic recreation or a major in recreation or leisure with an option in therapeutic recreation
• Successfully complete a field experience as defined by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC) under the supervision of a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) approved by the educational institution where the applicant has met academic requirements
• Successfully pass an examination administered by the NCTRC
• The board may issue a license to recreational therapists who were certified by the NCTRC prior to July 1, 2007, and who hold an active CTRS credential
• Military experience shall not be considered when determining whether an applicant meets the educational requirements for licensure.
• Must complete a criminal background check

Examination
Written national certification exam required

Continuing Education
Completion of 30 hours of professional education is required biennially for license renewal

Recreality
Not permitted

Active Licenses
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Related Training
Therapeutic Recreation/Recreational Therapy

Regulatory Agency
New Hampshire Recreational Therapy Governing Board
Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
121 South Fruit Street, Suite 303
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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Fees
Application ........................................ $60.00
Initial licensure fee ................................ $110.00
Biennial renewal ................................. $110.00
License reinstatement ......................... $220.00
Licenses expire on December 31st of each even-numbered year

O*Net Codes
29-1125.00 Recreational Therapists

Additional Information Sources
National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification
<www.nctrc.org>

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