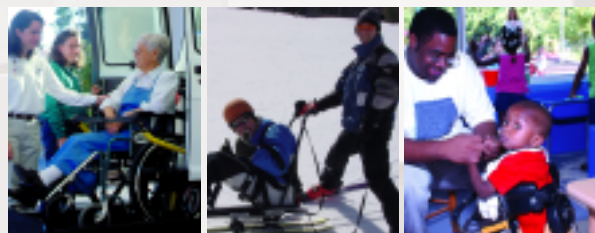
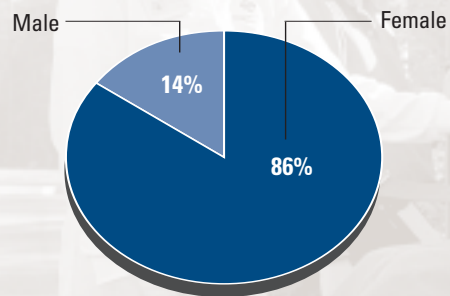


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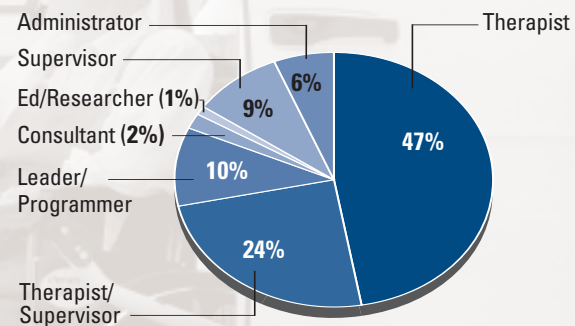
- There are 30,000 therapeutic recreation professionals in the U.S. and Canada.
- 12,000 CTRSs in the U.S and Canada.
- 1,000 new applications for certification each year.
- 70% of CTRSs are employed full time with the title of "therapist" or "therapist/supervisor".
- CTRSs work with a wide spectrum of client populations within a diversity of service settings.
- Statistics based on 2009 CTRS Study.



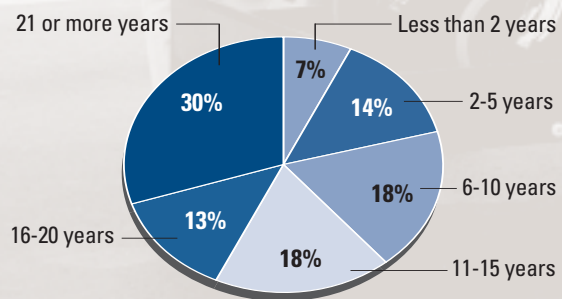
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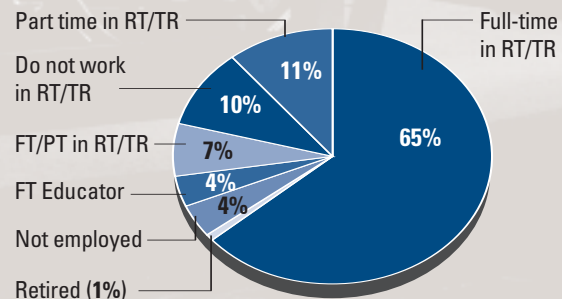
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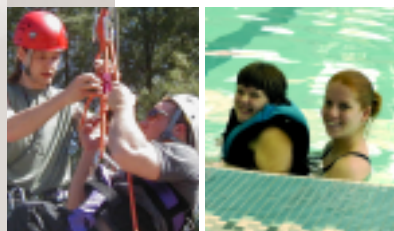
Who is a CTRS?

A Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) has acquired a body of knowledge that includes theory, philosophy, and practice, that spans a wide range of disabling physical and mental conditions. When that knowledge is applied, the CTRS addresses the total person and the associative life factors that may apply to a client's specific disability or illness.

Professional recognition is granted by NCTRC to individuals who apply and meet established standards for certification which include education, experience, and continuing professional development. The Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist credential is awarded after those specific qualifications have been met and the candidate has successfully completed the international computer-based certification exam.

What is RT?

Recreation therapy, also known as therapeutic recreation, is a systematic process that utilizes recreation and other activity-based interventions based upon the assessed needs of individuals with illnesses and/or disabling conditions. The purpose of the RT process is to improve or maintain physical, cognitive, social, emotional and spiritual functioning in order to facilitate full participation in life.



The CTRS credential spans the spectrum of health care and human service delivery. Recreation therapists who are NCTRC certified work with a variety of populations and in a diversity of settings.

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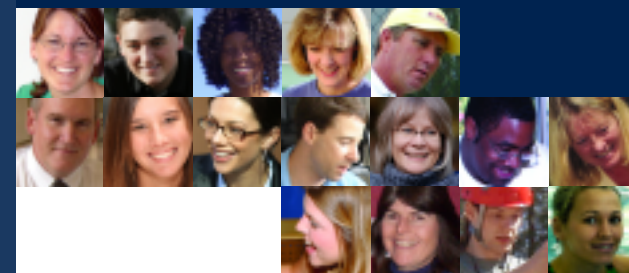
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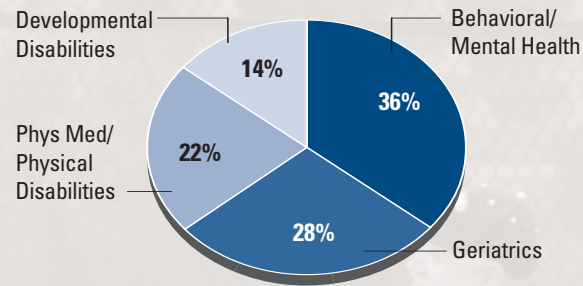
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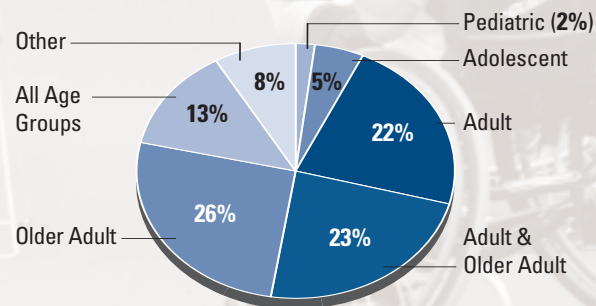


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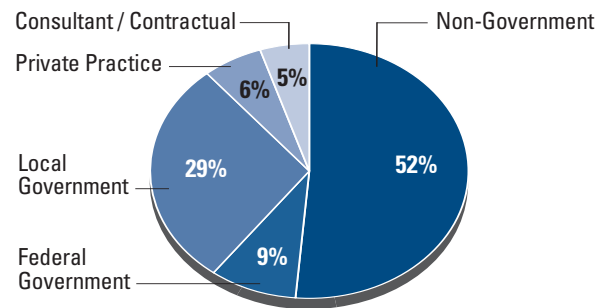
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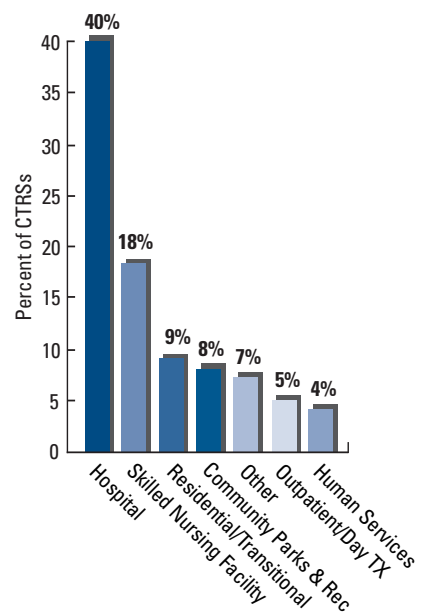
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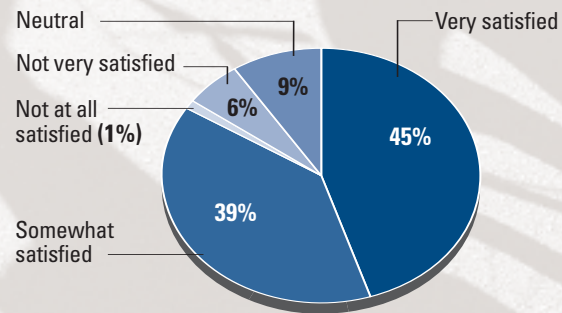
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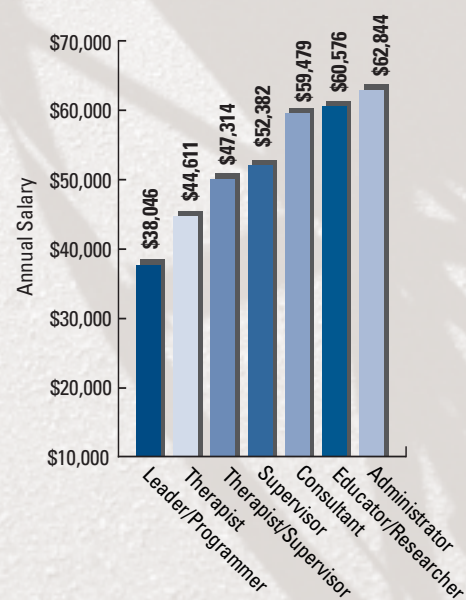
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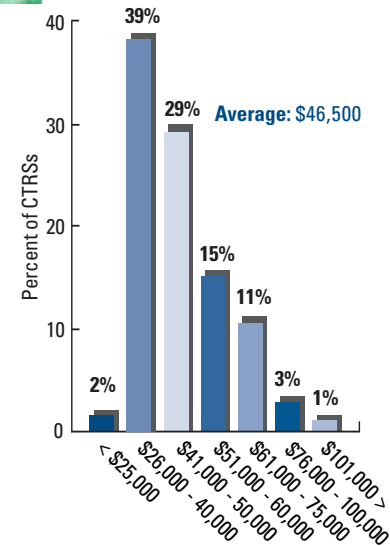
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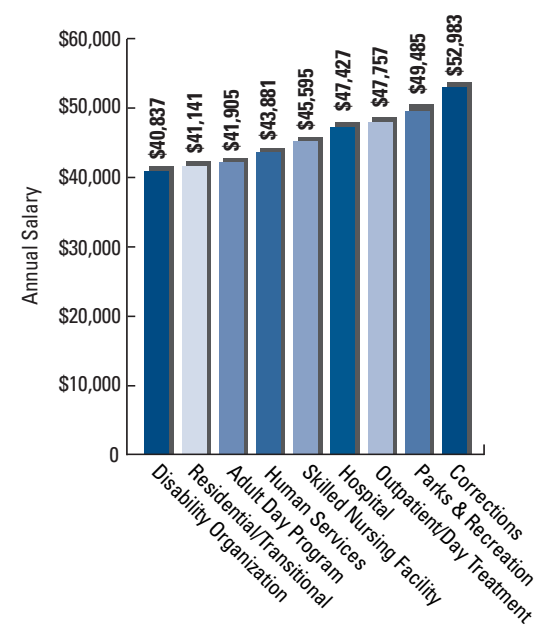
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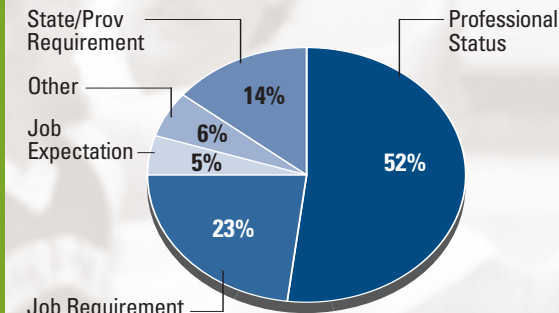
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Salary by Service Setting



Primary Reason for Certification



Certification Requirement for RT/TR Positions

