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NCTRC Organizational Continuing Education Decision Notification

Please note the details below regarding NCTRC Decision for the following Continuing Education Session Content.

Name of Organization/Continuing Education Provider	American Horticultural Therapy Association
Name of Conference/Workshop	AHTA Annual Conference
NCTRC Pre-Approval Date	7/14/2026
NCTRC Pre-Approval Expiration Date	10/18/2027

*Important Note: Details regarding the NCTRC decision for each session are outlined below. Please note session approvals and session denials, as well as important notes for each and next steps.

Additional NCTRC Services available for Continuing Education session content that has been pre-approved:

Information about [NCTRC Ala Carte Promotional Toolkit](#)

NCTRC understands that communicating about continuing education opportunities in an ever-expanding online marketplace can be challenging. That is why we have expanded NCTRC promotional tools for continuing education providers, including e-Blast; calendar listings; and more! Complete the [NCTRC Ala Carte Promotional Tools Request Form](#) to add an NCTRC promotional tool to your pre-approved continuing education content.

[Information about Micro-Credentials and NCTRC Co-Branded Digital Badges](#)

We want to make you aware that NCTRC has partnered with digital badging provider, [Credly](#), to offer organizational continuing education providers the opportunity to offer micro-credentials and their associated digital badges which are co-branded with NCTRC.

- Continuing education providers who choose to apply for and receive a NCTRC co-branded micro-credential & digital badge will empower earners with greater marketing potential.
- A digital badge is a trusted method for real-time verification, automatically linking the continuing education session content back to you - the continuing education provider.



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- We believe the NCTRC co-branded micro-credentials and digital badges will further enhance your professional standing within the learning community and help you expand your professional network!

Apply today by completing the [NCTRC Micro-Credential and Digital Badge Application](#).

NCTRC Decision - the following Continuing Education Session Content has been pre-approved by NCTRC:

NCTRC Pre-Approved (✓)	Name of Continuing Education Session	NCTRC Specialization Area Designation(s) approved	NCTRC approved CE session hours
(✓)	Growing Resilience: Cultivating Horticultural Therapy in a School Community		60 min (0.1 CEU's)
(✓)	Creating Evidence-Based Publications		60 min (0.1 CEU's)
(✓)	Growing Inside: Prison Gardens Offer Healing and Reconnection		60 min (0.1 CEU's)
(✓)	Healing Landscapes in Times of War: Therapeutic Gardens for Recovery and Resilience in Ukraine	Behavioral Health	60 min (0.1 CEU's)
(✓)	Bridges and Blooms: a Land Together Pilot at San Quentin		60 min (0.1 CEU's)
(✓)	Horticultural Therapy/Therapeutic Horticulture in Cooperative Extension: A Multi-State Panel		60 min (0.1 CEU's)
(✓)	Growing together: Building Sustainable Mixed-Needs Therapeutic Horticulture Communities	Behavioral Health	60 min (0.1 CEU's)



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(√)	Horticulture in Pediatrics: Applications, Evidence and the Future	Pediatrics	60 min (0.1 CEU's)
(√)	Seeds of Healing: Veterans, Sunflowers, and the Power of Community		60 min (0.1 CEU's)
(√)	Improving Quality in a Therapeutic Gardening Program for ICU Employees	Behavioral Health	90 min (0.15 CEU's)
(√)	Beyond the Garden Wall: Designing Deeper Connections Between Children and Healing Gardens	Pediatrics	60 min (0.1 CEU's)
(√)	Research on Behavioral Driving Mechanisms and Dynamic Model Construction in the Implementation Process of Programs of Horticultural Therapy		60 min (0.1 CEU's)
(√)	From clinics to parks: Building resilience through nature prescriptions for children and families	Pediatrics	90 min (0.15 CEU's)
(√)	Engaging the Healthcare Community through Therapeutic Horticulture		60 min (0.1 CEU's)



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Important Notes for Continuing Education Session Content has been pre-approved by NCTRC:

- 1) NCTRC pre-approval includes use of the NCTRC Digital Marketing Package - see details below.
- 2) Additional NCTRC services are available for continuing education session content that has been pre-approved:
 - a. Please refer to the NCTRC Ala Carte Promotional Toolkit for Continuing Education Providers and Organizations ([hyperlink](#)).
 - b. Complete the NCTRC Micro-Credential and associated Digital Badge Application ([hyperlink](#)).
- 3) Continuing education session content that has been pre-approved by NCTRC will be valid for one (1) year for repeat trainings and workshops. Session title and content must be identical to qualify for extended approval.
- 4) It is the responsibility of the continuing education provider to communicate with attendees regarding NCTRC pre-approved continuing education session content, including continuing education hours awarded for each session.
 - a. Per NCTRC Certification Standards, the content of continuing education opportunities must relate directly to the current NCTRC Job Analysis Study. Continuing education is measured according to actual instructional time as identified on documentation submitted. Each continuing education session must be 30 minutes or longer. Sessions of less than 30 minutes will not be accepted by NCTRC, regardless of the content.
 - b. NCTRC reviews education in hours. If the organization will be communicating with attendees using continuing education units (CEUs), please note that NCTRC reviews education in hours. For example, 30 minutes = 0.05 CEUs.

NCTRC Decision - the following Continuing Education Session Content has been denied.

The following session(s) may be open to attendees, however the program must indicate “This Continuing Education session content is **NOT** pre-approved by NCTRC.”



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Name of Continuing Education Session	Rationale for Denial
N/A	Choose an item.
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Note: This decision may be appealed with the submission of a modified proposal.
Questions? Please contact NCTRC at nctrc@nctrc.org, or call 845-639-1439.

NCTRC Digital Marketing Package

NCTRC pre-approval includes use of the following digital marketing communication assets for your organization to use solely for the purpose of promoting the above - mentioned continuing education session content that is pre-approved by NCTRC.

To use, simply copy & paste the following NCTRC approved publicity statements, graphic, and/or website statement/link in your organization's website, social media, and marketing materials regarding the above-mentioned continuing education session content that is pre-approved by NCTRC. Any use, reproduction, or distribution of this statement and/or graphic regarding non-pre-approved continuing education session content is strictly prohibited.

NCTRC Approved Publicity Statements:

- "This continuing education session content is pre-approved by NCTRC."
- "Recertify and Reinvest in Yourself! NCTRC knows how hard you worked to obtain the CTRS® credential. For those choosing to use the professional experience and continuing education option for recertification, a minimum of 50 hours of continuing education related to the NCTRC Job Analysis is required. Continue your professional journey by investing in quality continuing education that has been pre-approved by NCTRC in order to be prepared to renew your CTRS certification. Visit the NCTRC website for full details regarding [CTRS Recertification](#)."
- NCTRC Website Statement & Link: "For more information about NCTRC and to review the current certification standards, please visit nctrc.org."

Approved NCTRC Graphics: Please use the attached Zip file of approved NCTRC graphics to promote this continuing education session.



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