RESTORATION PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION

IMPROVING THE PRACTICE AND QUALITY OF ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

The Society for Ecological Restoration (SER)’s Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner (CERP) program encourages a high professional standard for those who are designing, implementing, overseeing, and monitoring restoration projects throughout the world.

LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION

Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner (CERP): Senior level practitioner who meets the knowledge requirements AND has at least 5 years of full time experience with restoration

Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner-in-Training (CERPIT): Practitioner who meets either the knowledge requirements OR the experience requirement but not both.

CERP AND CERPIT APPLICATIONS

Applications for CERPs and CERPITs are accepted online during two application windows: February - May and August - October. Application checklists, reference letter guidelines, and application tutorials are available at www.ser.org/certification. Certification is based on knowledge, experience, references, compliance with ethics and disciplinary policies, and understanding of the foundations of the profession.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- **KNOWLEDGE BASE:** A combination of academic credentials (or equivalence) in Biological Science, Physical Science, Resource Management and Conservation, Quantitative Science, and Ecological Restoration categories (provide transcripts).
- **EXPERIENCE:** At least five years of full-time professional level experience performing restoration project work (provide a resume/ CV and project descriptions).
- **REFERENCES:** Three references to demonstrate the applicant is held in high esteem and has exhibited proficiency in ecological restoration
- **FOUNDATIONS OF THE PROFESSION:** Knowledge and understanding of the fundamental concepts of ecological restoration through the e-learning course
- **POLICY COMPLIANCE:** Agreement to adhere to the SER Code of Ethics and the SER Disciplinary Policy.
- **APPLICATION FEE:** See fee table
KNOWLEDGE EQUIVALENCIES

The knowledge requirements for the CERP program are based on a semester credit system in which a 3 credit course has 40-45 contact hours. Courses in other systems (e.g., units) can be converted to credit hours based on the number of contact hours.

CERP applicants may also propose alternative knowledge acquisition under the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) provision. This will allow applicants who do not currently have the specified coursework (e.g., graduated prior to the development of ecological restoration-related courses and degrees) to demonstrate they have obtained the required knowledge through alternate means.

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CERTIFICATION MAINTENANCE

Certification for both CERPs and CERPITs are valid for 5 years from the date of approval. In order to be re-certified, CERPs and CERPITs must earn a minimum of 50 continuing education credits within the five-year period since they were last certified and pay the certification annual maintenance fees.

CERP/CERPIT DIRECTORY

You can find all current CERPs and CERPITs in our online directory at www.ser.org/cerpdirectory. The searchable directory contains the names, locations, and contact information for our hundreds of CERPs and CERPITs.

FIND OUT MORE at www.ser.org/certification or by contacting our Certification Program Coordinator at certification@ser.org

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