

ACADEMIC INSTITUTION PARTNERING WITH CERP PROGRAM

BRIDGING THE TRANSITION FROM STUDENT TO EMERGING PROFESSIONAL

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-in-Training (CERPIT):

Practitioner who meets either the knowledge requirements OR the experience requirement but not both.



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

CERP PARTNERING OPPORTUNITIES

SER is pleased to offer two Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) options that would allow you to formalize how your program aligns with CERPIT requirements, differentiate your institution, and help your students launch their careers in ecological restoration. The Program Alignment MOU and the Program Alignment and Emergent Professional MOU provide unique partnering opportunities (see table on back for benefits)



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



PROGRAM ALIGNMENT MOU

The Program Alignment MOU includes an SER review of how your academic institution degree requirements align with the CERPIT knowledge requirements so that your graduates will have the core competencies specific to the field. With this MOU, your students will have confidence that when they graduate they will have meet CERPIT requirements. Your institution will also be highlighted on the SER academics programs listing.

PROGRAM ALIGNMENT & EMERGENT PROFESSIONAL MOU

The Program Alignment and Emergent Professional also includes an SER review of how your degree program curricula align with the CERPIT requirements. However, this MOU goes further to bridge your students' transition from graduate to emerging professional by including SER memberships and complimentary CERPIT application fees for up to 40 graduates each year. With this MOU, you can promote the credentialed status of your graduates. Your program will also be featured on the SER academics program listing.



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PROGRAM ALIGNMENT MOU

PROGRAM ALIGNMENT & EMERGENT PROFESSIONAL MOU

	PROGRAM ALIGNMENT MOU	PROGRAM ALIGNMENT & EMERGENT PROFESSIONAL MOU
Fees	\$500 renewable each year	\$5000 in Year 1, \$1500 annually in Years 2-4
Duration	1 year	5 years
Includes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SER staff will compare the degree program to CERPIT requirements Degree program will be highlighted on the SER academic programs listings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SER emerging professional membership for up to 40 qualified students/graduates Initial CERPIT application fee for up to 40 qualified students/graduates SER staff will compare the degree program to CERPIT requirements Degree program will be highlighted on the SER academic program listings Logo placement on SER partners webpage