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.

Applications of the Forming the Transition from Student to Emerging Professional Program

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 Emerging 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 they will meet CERPIT requirements upon graduation. Your institution will also be highlighted on the SER academics programs listing.

PROGRAM ALIGNMENT & EMERGING PROFESSIONAL MOU

The Program Alignment and Emerging Professional MOU includes the program review described above, but also offers a range of additional benefits that help to bridge your students’ transition from graduate to emerging professional. These benefits include the establishment of an SER Student Chapter at your institution, complimentary CERPIT application fees and membership for up to 40 graduates, and expedited review of CERPIT applications with personalized assistance from SER staff. Your faculty and staff will also benefit, as this MOU includes organizational SER membership for up to five staff members. Additionally, your program will also be prominently featured in SER’s academic directory.

FIND OUT MORE

Find our more about certification on SER’s website at www.ser.org/certification or contact us via email at certification@ser.org.

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| Includes             | • SER staff will compare the degree program to CERPIT requirements  
                       | • Degree program will be highlighted on the SER academic programs listings  
                       | • Establishment of SER Student Association at your institution that includes membership for one faculty advisor and all students registered on the account  
                       | • Organizational SER membership for up to 5 program faculty and staff  
                       | • SER emerging professional membership for up to 40 qualified students/graduates  
                       | • Initial CERPIT application fee for up to 40 qualified students/graduates  
                       | • Assistance with and expedited review of CERPIT applications for program graduates  
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*Equity rates are available for academic institutions that could not otherwise afford to partner with SER’s CERP program