

The PHRANC Board of Directors has approved some significant changes to the rehabilitation specialist certification program. The changes are designed to ensure the fairness and integrity of the certification process while supporting each candidate's effort to achieve certification, and to mitigate the unproductive effects of any exam anxiety. These changes will be in effect beginning with the Spring 2006 Certification testing. Specifically, the Board has approved that:

- 1) All candidates for certification must take the entire exam once.
- 2) Candidates who fail to qualify for certification at the first sitting, but who pass 6 or more of the 10 modules, will become eligible to sit for examination at future annual offerings on only those modules that they have failed (“modular examination”).
- 3) Candidates who have previously taken the exam will be given credit for all modules already passed, and will be eligible for examination on modules they have failed.
- 4) Candidates qualifying for modular examination may take, in a given sitting, as many or as few of the modules needed for certification as they prefer.
- 5) The exam fee will apply to each sitting, and will be the same amount regardless of the number of modules taken.
- 6) For modular examination, the threshold for passing individual modules will be raised to the level required for Master Rehabilitation Specialist certification.
- 7) Candidates for Master Rehabilitation Specialist certification must pass the entire examination in one sitting and score at the Master level.
- 8) Testing will continue to be offered once per year, in conjunction with the spring training conference.
- 9) These changes will be implemented in time for the next offering at the spring 2006 conference.