

PATH INTL. CREDENTIALING COUNCIL

POLICY STATEMENT FOR PATH Intl. CERTIFIED THERAPEUTIC RIDING INSTRUCTOR 120 HOUR REQUIREMENT

PREAMBLE TO POLICY:

The PATH Intl. Credentialing Council (PICC) has developed the PATH Intl. Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor (CTRI) certification program with the intention of garnering NCCA accreditation with a resulting increased level of regard from individuals outside of the EAAT profession. The program is designed to inspire confidence in the consumers, participants and their families who utilize EAAT services. PATH Intl.'s key priority is to provide PATH Intl. Member Centers and Premier Accredited Centers with credentialed instructors who have undertaken a rigorous training program to earn their certifications.

In so doing, the PICC established a baseline requirement for those PATH Intl. CTRIs desiring to assist others in obtaining the same certification. PATH Intl. CTRIs supervising applicant teaching hours under Part V of the CTRI application should have CTRI knowledge and skills that exceed those possessed by the applicant. In order to establish a minimum level of experience qualified to perform this task, the PICC determined that 120 hours of experience teaching therapeutic riding at the CTRI level, either as a PATH Intl. Registered Therapeutic Riding Instructor who has transitioned to the PATH Intl. CTRI credential or as a newly certified PATH Intl. CTRI, was necessary.

The PICC recognizes and values the past efforts of PATH Intl. certified riding instructors in accumulating knowledge and experience, as well as their expenditure of time and effort in that pursuit, on behalf of their students, centers, PATH Intl. and the therapeutic riding industry. It is the desire of the PICC to build on that solid foundation of past experience and apply it to the future as PATH Intl. moves forward with new certifications and programs. The PICC must also recognize the necessity of establishing confidence in CTRI certification processes with riders, families, medical professionals and the general public to mitigate potential concerns, including the acknowledgement that mentoring and supervising is a dynamic process benefiting from the recent practice of requisite certification skills. **With these goals in mind, the PICC hereby establishes credit allowances for PATH Intl. Registered Therapeutic Riding Instructors who successfully transition to the PATH Intl. CTRI credential:**

PATH Intl. CTRIs meet the allowance requirements for hours to sign off on Part V of the CTRI application by applying their total scored points converted to allowance hours using the following scoring rubric and conversion table to the current 120 hour standard. Any remaining hours must be earned post CTRI transition.

[Click here](#) or continue on to see how to convert your experience into allowance hours.

POINT CONVERSION CHART – PLACE ALLOWED HOURS IN HOUR COLUMN Points are to be converted to allowance hours on a one-to-one basis: i.e. 55 points equals 55 credit hours towards 120 hour requirement (65 therapeutic teaching hours still required).	Date Attained	Number of Years Teaching Therapeutic Riding (see #5 below for pts)	Number of therapeutic riding lesson hours taught at a PATH Intl. center (see #5 below for pts)	Allowance Points	Total Allowed Hours
1. PATH Intl. CTRI in good standing who has taught 120 hours of therapeutic riding since attaining the CTRI credential – 120 points					
2. Earned CEU hours since transitioning to the PATH Intl. CTRI credential – 1 point per hour, 20 points maximum.					
3. Attain PATH Intl. Advanced Level certification after transitioning to CTRI – 120 points					
4. Any PATH Intl. CTRI who also holds a certification that has criteria that exceeds the minimum requirements for PATH Intl. CTRI from another recognized equine organization – 100 points*					
5. (Select Only One): Points provided in chart below for experience teaching therapeutic riding – maximum 30 points OR Points provided in chart below for hours teaching therapeutic riding as a PATH Intl. Registered TRI – maximum 30 points					
6. PATH Intl. Mentor (must hold PATH Intl. Mentor Training certificate) with 80% or more mentees (based on six or more mentees) who have successfully passed PATH Intl. TRI certification – 40 points					

***Cannot be combined with any other item.**

Number of <u>years</u> teaching therapeutic riding as a PATH Intl. Registered TRI:	Number of <u>hours</u> teaching therapeutic riding lessons as a PATH Intl. Registered TRI:
1 to 5 years: 5 pts.	100 - 200 hours: 10 pts.
6 to 10 years: 10 pts.	200 - 300 hours: 20 pts.
11 to 15 years: 20 pts.	300 plus hours: 30 pts.
16 plus years: 30 pts.	

POINT CONVERSION EXAMPLES:

6 CEUs earned (6 pts) + 300 teaching hours (30 pts) + PATH Intl. Mentor (40 pts) = 76 points = 76 hour allowance (44 CTRI teaching hours still needed)

12 CEUs earned (12 pts) + 20 years teaching (30 pts) = 42 pts = 42 hour allowance (78 CTRI teaching hours still needed)

Higher level certificate with CanTRA (100 points) = 100 pts = 100 hour allowance (20 CTRI teaching hours still needed)

Those with dual certifications claiming an allowance for item #4 on the above "Allowance Calculation Sheet" must provide the following information:

Name of Non-PATH Intl. equine organization: _____

Name of "Higher Level" certification from that organization: _____

ALL points and allowances listed above will lapse no later than December 31, 2021.

As the undersigned I, _____, certify the above allowance selections are accurate and that I am
 (printed name)

qualified to claim the indicated allowance hours listed on the "Allowance Calculation Sheet". I also acknowledge that I am still required to earn _____ hours as a PATH Intl. CTRI in order to fully qualify and sign off as a supervisor for new CTRI applicant teaching hours for Part V of the CTRI application.

 Signature of PATH Intl. CTRI Submitting Allowance Calculation Sheet

All "Allowance Calculation Sheet" selections must be submitted to, and received by, PATH Intl. no later than June 30, 2021.

No Allowance Calculation Sheets will be accepted after June 30, 2021.

Send completed materials to PATH Intl, P.O. Box 33150, Denver, CO 80233