CERTIFIED ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

A Program of the Society for Ecological Restoration

CERP CERTIFIED ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION PRACTITIONER PROGRAM BY THE SOCIETY FOR ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

The Society for Ecological Restoration's practitioner certification program encourages a high professional standard for practitioners who are designing, implementing, overseeing, and monitoring restoration projects throughout the world.

PROGRAM GOALS/BENEFITS

- Establish and validate the **credentials** for practitioners
- Encourage consistent, comprehensive **"standards of practice"**
- Increase public, client, employer, and peer **confidence** in ecological restoration practice and practitioners
- Fill an increasing demand for a **skilled workforce**
- Improve the **quality of ecological restoration projects** on the ground
- Facilitate the **exchange of information** and promote the advancement of proven techniques used in ecological restoration
- Define a **clear pathway** into, and provide a supportive environment within the restoration community

TYPES OF CERTIFICATION

CERP CERTIFIED ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION PRACTITIONER BY THE SOCIETY FOR ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

CERPIT CERTIFIED ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION PRACTITIONER-IN-TRAINING BY THE SOCIETY FOR ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioners (CERPs): Senior level practitioner who meets the knowledge requirements AND has 5 years of full time restoration experience

Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioners-in-Training (CERPITs): Practitioners who meet either the knowledge requirements OR the experience requirement but not both

Certification is valid for 5 years from the date of approval and is renewable with continuing education credits.

CERP AND CERPIT APPLICATIONS

Applications for and are accepted online during two application windows:
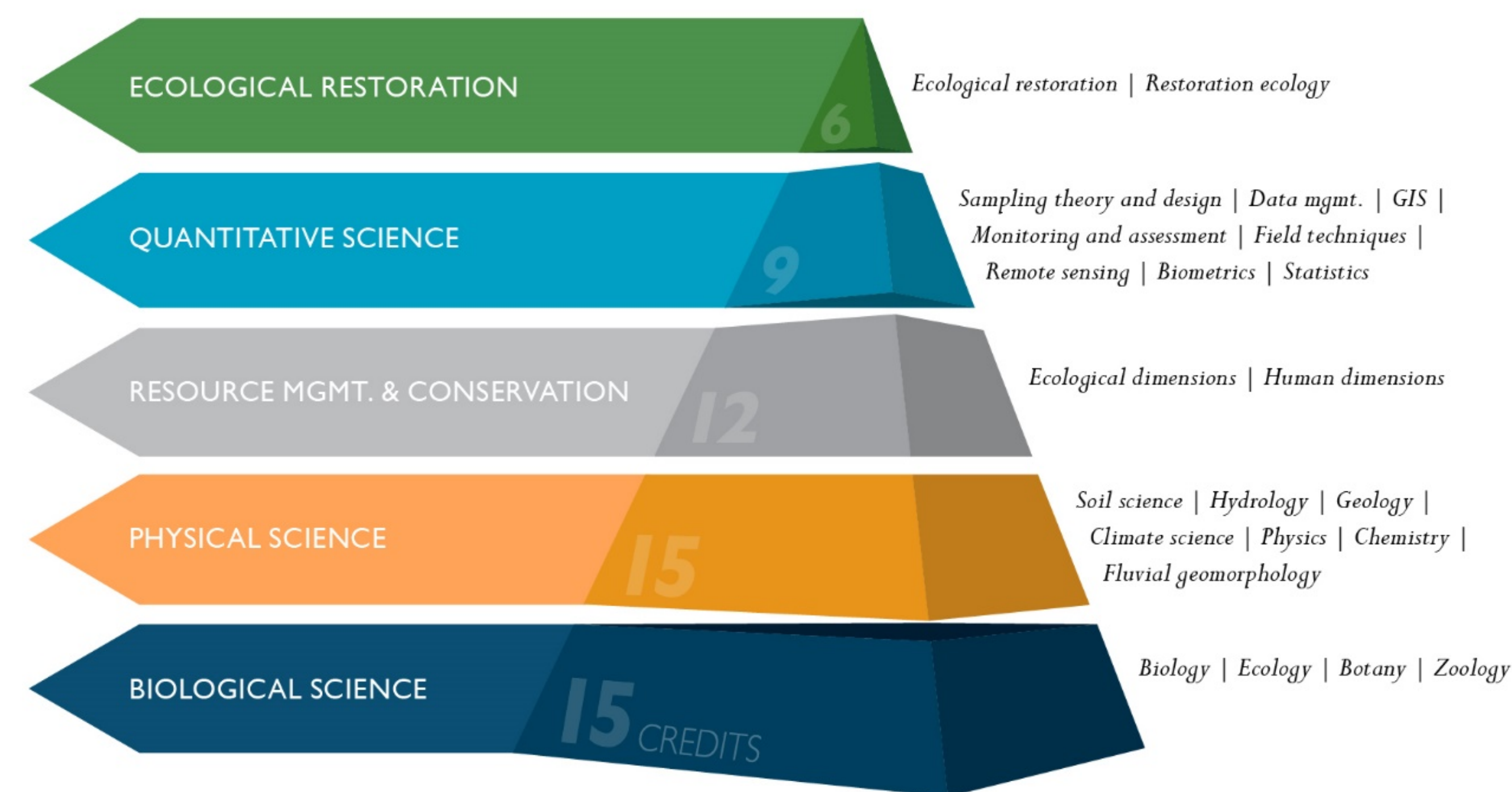- February through April
- August through October

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

ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION	6	Ecological restoration | Restoration ecology
QUANTITATIVE SCIENCE	9	Sampling theory and design | Data mgmt. | GIS | Monitoring and assessment | Field techniques | Remote sensing | Biometrics | Statistics
RESOURCE MGMT. & CONSERVATION	12	Ecological dimensions | Human dimensions
PHYSICAL SCIENCE	15	Soil science | Hydrology | Geology | Climate science | Physics | Chemistry | Fluvial geomorphology
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE	15 CREDITS	Biology | Ecology | Botany | Zoology

	MEMBERSHIP STATUS	CERP	CERPIT
Initial Application Fee	SER Member	$250	$100
	Non-Member	$350	$200
Annual Maintenance Fee	SER Member	$75	$50
	Non-Member	$100	$75
Recertification Fee	SER Member	$125	$100
	Non-Member	$225	$200
Upgrade from CERPIT to CERP	SER Member	NA	$100
	Non-Member	NA	$150

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