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What is a Certified Resume Writer?

CPRW. CRW. NCRW. We see those acronyms after so many resume writers' names these days. But what is a certified resume writer, and how is this person different than an uncertified resume writer?

Simply put, a certified resume writer is someone who has passed all the requirements of one of the three certifying agencies, the Professional Association of Resume Writers and Career Coaches (PARW/CC), the Professional Resume Writing and Research Association (PRWRA), and the National Resume Writers Association (NRWA). While the three certifications are similar, enough differences exist to make it worthwhile to review each one separately.

Certified Professional Resume Writer (CPRW).

This is the credential offered by the PARW/CC, the first Organization to establish resume-writing certification, back in 1991. Although it is no longer the only credentialing organization, the CPRW is still considered the gold standard for the industry, and is usually the first certification any resume writer obtains.

In order to achieve this credential, a writer must not only be an active member of the PARW/CC, but also pass a series of rigorous testing. A panel of three CPRWs, who are also members of the PARW/CC Certification Committee Board, grade the examinations.

Certified Resume Writer (CRW).

Offered through the PRWRA, there are actually four levels to this certification, based on years of experience, training, and the number of examinations passed.

Nationally Certified Resume Writer (NCRW).

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The most recent of the major certifications, the NRWA introduced it in 1997. According to the organization's website, it is the most difficult certification to obtain. The writer must pass a three-part examination, and then, in addition to creating a resume and cover letter, candidates must prepare a 'scannable' resume. Candidates who pass the exam must maintain their certification through continuing education credits.

While opinions on the difficulty of each certification may differ, an average of 50% or more of potential applicants to any of the programs fail their first time, even with the extensive training and study materials furnished by each organization. When you consider that 79% of medical students pass their boards, and 70% of law students pass their bar examinations, the pass/fail ratio for resume writing certification indicates that it would appear to do its job of weeding out less-talented writers.

And don't for a minute think that resume writing doesn't take talent. Anyone with a decent grasp of

language and above average writing skills can create a resume; a multitude of books, templates, and software exist that will guide a writer through the preparation process. But it takes a truly gifted professional to create a document that not only concisely and accurately describes the client's attributes and experience, but does it in a fashion that makes the resume stand out in a positive manner, resulting in an increased number of interviews for the clients.

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Resume Writing and Preparation is Free Online

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Creating a strong resume is a very important part of applying for a job, either online or off line. There are many resume writing services that will help you build an impressive resume for job interviews.

You can also learn how to write a resume for free by surfing the Internet for resume writing help. Many sites will show you tips and advice on choosing a resume style that works best for you.

You can also find samples of resumes, resume templates, resume software, and examples of resume cover sheets or letters.

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Whether you're looking to create a business resume, marketing resume, military resume, electronic resume, accounting resume, nursing resume, acting resume, sales resume, teacher resume, executive resume, student resume or a customer service resume, you can find great advice online with a little research.

When preparing your resume, keep in mind that employers use resumes for several purposes:

Screen Applicants - Most employers will only look at a resume for about 30 seconds to determine whether or not an applicant is a good fit for their organization.

Develop Interview Questions - Statements on your resume can be used to formulate questions they may ask during an interview.

Communication Skills - Employers want to see how well you express yourself.

Qualifications - Employers will reference your resume when making hiring decisions based on how closely your qualifications match their needs.

Writing a resume isn't easy, but by studying various tips and advice, you can learn to create a type of resume that will get you one step closer to your ultimate goal of finding a great job.

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