NARRTC promotes inter-disciplinary perspectives in research, dissemination, training and employment for the benefit of all people with disabilities. NARRTC believes that research contributes to the advancement of state-of-art rehabilitation services through the application of the scientific method and generation of new knowledge, methods, technology, and policies.

Critical thinking challenges the basic assumptions about disability, and enhances the possibilities of full inclusion and participation in society for all persons with disabilities.

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Distinguished Service
Awarded to individuals who have made impressive contributions to the field of disability through research, teaching, service, or advocacy. The Distinguished Service Award is generally given for sustained contributions or an accumulation of life-time achievements. It is the highest recognition conferred by NARRTC.

Commendation
Awarded for research, teaching, service, or advocacy in the field of disability for specific, focused activities or achievements. Commendations recognize important contributions that strategically or creatively advance the field of disability.

Special Contribution
Awarded for leadership activities and major accomplishments on behalf of NARRTC as an organization. Special Contribution Awards recognize diligence, service, commitment, and leadership in the context of organizational affairs or related spheres of activity.

Best Research Paper
Awarded for outstanding peer-reviewed published manuscript from the past calendar year funded by NIDILRR that represents excellent research and work that contributes to the disability and rehabilitation field.

Best Knowledge Translation Activity
Awarded for outstanding KT activities that use research knowledge to improve the lives of people with disabilities and capture data to show how knowledge translated into action.
Become a member of a disability research community. NARRTC provides a unique opportunity to network and share resources among the top disability & rehabilitation researchers and practitioners in the country. Members are also encouraged to become involved in organization management.

Combine your voice with others. As an organization of peer projects, we work to promote our common missions and goals.

Keep updated on important issues. NARRTC members receive regular updates about legislative, agency, and other current information about disability and rehabilitation research issues. Members also receive quarterly electronic newsletters and updates via email.

Attend the annual conference. Held annually in the Washington, DC area, the NARRTC annual conference offers members the opportunity to hear the latest news from NIDILRR, learn about legislative updates, and hear about the latest innovations in disability & rehabilitation research, training, technical assistance and knowledge translation. Members also have the opportunity to network, share mutually beneficial information, and promote projects and centers. www.narrtc.org/conferences.php

Inform legislators. NARRTC supports efforts to educate legislators about needed disability legislation and funding and members’ accomplishments. We work to keep disability issues a priority for legislators.

Who We Are...
NARRTC is the only independent association exclusively for National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) grantees with common interests. This includes rehabilitation and training centers, knowledge translation projects, rehabilitation engineering research centers, disability and rehabilitation research projects, ADA regional centers, field initiated projects, small business innovation projects, and model systems.

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Our Mission
NARRTC members are committed to improve the quality of life, independence of life choices, and inclusion of individuals with disabilities and their families through relevant research, training, technical assistance, knowledge translation, development and demonstration activities.