



**COLLEGE OF RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS OF ONTARIO**

**ORDRE DES THÉRAPEUTES RESPIRATOIRES DE L'ONTARIO**

**A Message to our Members re:  
Respiratory Therapy Degree Initiative**

At CRTO Council meetings, the topic of Respiratory Therapy degree programs has been raised on a number of occasions. Council members recognize that this is a complex issue involving many stakeholders. The creation of opportunities for baccalaureate degree completion, and any potential impact on entry-to-practice requirements, requires thoughtful and careful consideration and consultation.

Council has referred this issue to the Registration Committee for investigation. In the coming months the College will be gathering information regarding the merits, or otherwise, of degree level entry-to-practice credentials for Respiratory Therapy, and seeking feedback from CRTO Members, professional associations, Respiratory Therapy educational programs and other stakeholders. We will continue to provide you with updates on our findings.

We would like to emphasize that any future change in entry-to-practice requirements must first receive government approval, and will not affect the registration status of current Members.

Should you have any questions concerning this initiative please contact Mary Bayliss RRT, RRCP, CAE, CRTO Professional Practice Advisor by phone at (416) 591-7800 Toll Free: 1-800-261-0528, ext 24, or by e-mail at [bayliss@crtto.on.ca](mailto:bayliss@crtto.on.ca).

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