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RTs ACTING AS EDUCATORS

Practice FAQs

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QUESTION

I am an RT at a large teaching hospital. Is there any legal obligation under the CRTC or legislation, that I must act as a preceptor to an RT student?

ANSWER

The CRTC expects all RTs to act as educators, sharing their expertise and knowledge with students, colleagues, and patients. While there isn't a "legal" obligation specifically to teach a student, if an employer has an agreement with the school to take students, and as an employee of that facility, the RT refuse to do so, it would initially be an employer issue.

If an RT was subsequently disciplined or terminated by their employer for failing to uphold the terms of their contract, the employer would be required to submit a report to the CRTC. At that time, it would be referred to the Registrar, who would then determine the next steps. This potentially could be considered a failure to uphold the CRTC Standards of Practice. ([Standard 13 - CRTC Standards of Practice](#))

Our RT as Educators Professional Practice Guideline was recently revised / updated and is currently open for consultation until Sunday, November 14, 2021. Please see the link in this e-bulletin and give us your thoughts.