

COLLEGE OF RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS OF ONTARIO

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Policy

The CRTO is responsible for setting Respiratory Therapy entry to practice requirements in the province of Ontario in the public interest. Ontario Regulation 596/94, Part VIII (Registration) sets out the requirements for registration with the College including the requirement that an applicant must:

- (a) have successfully completed a respiratory therapy program offered in Canada that, at the time of completion, was approved or accredited by the Council or by a body approved by the Council;
- (b) have successfully completed a program offered outside Canada for training respiratory therapists that, at the time of completion, was considered by the Council to be equivalent to a program referred to in clause (a); or
- (c) demonstrate through a prior learning assessment approved by the Registration Committee that he or she has knowledge, skills and judgment equivalent to those of a person who has successfully completed a program referred to in clause (a). O. Reg. 69/99, s. 1.

This policy sets out the criteria used by the Registration Committee to determine equivalency status for programs offered outside Canada for training respiratory therapists for the purposes of clause 54(2) (b) of the Registration Regulation.

In order for an applicant to be considered as having successfully completed a Respiratory Therapy program offered outside Canada that at the time of completion, was considered by the Council to be equivalent to an approved program, the College must be satisfied that the entry to practice competencies are being effectively taught and evaluated by the program.

The Registration Committee will review the information provided and determine equivalency. The Registration Committee may make a recommendation to Council that a specific program(s) during a specific time frame be deemed equivalent to a Canadian Respiratory Therapy Program.