



Respiratory Therapy Society of Ontario (RTSO) is devoted to the promotion of Respiratory Therapy in Ontario.
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College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario (CRTO) protects the Ontario public by ensuring respiratory care is delivered in a safe and ethical manner.
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Ask the experts...

Respiratory Therapists:

Breathing is our business

In Ontario, Respiratory Therapists are regulated health care professionals. In order to practice Respiratory Therapy they must be registered members of the College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario (CRTO). This is the regulatory body, not a school. The CRTO is dedicated to ensuring that respiratory care services provided to the public, by its members, are delivered in a safe and ethical manner.

The Respiratory Therapy Society of Ontario (RTSO) is a not for profit organization devoted to the promotion of Respiratory Therapy in the province of Ontario. The RTSO acts to represent, advocate and advance the professional interests of Respiratory Therapists.



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Is Respiratory Therapy the right career choice for you?

Are you strong in math and sciences?

Do you have an interest in health and wellness?

Does a hands-on role as a front-line health care professional sound exciting and challenging?



Schools that offer Respiratory Therapy programs in Ontario:



Algonquin College

Nepean, ON
(613) 727-4723
www.algonquincollege.com

Conestoga College

Kitchener, ON
(519) 748-5220
www.conestogac.on.ca

La Cité Collegiale

Ottawa, ON
(613) 742-2483
www.lacitec.on.ca

Canadore College

North Bay, ON
(705) 474-7600
www.canadorec.on.ca

Fanshawe College

London, ON
(519) 452-4100
www.fanshawec.on.ca

The Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences

Toronto, ON
(416) 596-3101
www.michener.ca

Educational Requirements

Respiratory Therapists are graduates of three-year diploma, or four-year diploma/degree programs offered at colleges and universities. All Respiratory Therapy programs include “hands-on” experience working with patients and clients in real practice settings such as hospitals.



Student session in a simulation lab.

Why enter the profession?

Respiratory Therapists (RTs) play an important role in the health care team and are often the first health care professionals called to help patients when they can't breathe.

Respiratory Therapists care for patients of all ages, from prematurely born infants to senior adults.

If you are interested in a career as a front-line health care professional, that offers a variety of working environments, Respiratory Therapy may be right choice.

Respiratory Therapy offers an excellent career filled with variety and flexibility.

Respiratory Therapists work in a variety of environments: hospitals, clinics, home care and educational institutions.

Areas of Practice	Examples	*% of Ontario RTs in the field
Primary Care	Performing breathing tests and providing asthma education to clients	31
Acute/Critical Care	Attending high-risk deliveries or caring for trauma victims	73
Sub-Acute Care	Caring for pneumonia patients admitted to hospital	60
Chronic/Long-Term Care	Providing care and support to chronically ventilated patients	52
Administration /Management	Managing respiratory care services in a hospital, or owning your own home care company	16
Anaesthesia	Providing airway management to a patient during surgery	16
Consulting	Working on projects with the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care	8
Cardiac/Pulmonary Diagnostics	Carrying out pulmonary function and stress testing	52
Equipment Service/Maintenance	Maintaining safe and effective functioning of life saving equipment	40
Home Care	Assessing and treating patients with oxygen in their homes	16
Rehabilitation	Teaching people how to manage and cope with their emphysema	9
Research	Developing new care plans for the treatment of asthma in the Emergency Department	14
Sales	Selling medical equipment to hospitals	10
Teaching/Education	Teaching airway management to other health care professionals at a community college	48

** Many Respiratory Therapists practice in more than one area because of the diverse roles that the profession has to offer. For example, an RT might practice Acute Care in the hospital and also be an Asthma Educator at a clinic.*

Career Prospects

While the number of Respiratory Therapists in Ontario continues to grow, the demand for RTs and their expertise also increases. The areas of practice are changing every day.

Below are some of the areas where RTs can be found:

- Anaesthesia Assistants
- Family Health Teams
- Home Care
- International Educators
- Medical Sales/Services
- Patient Education
- Perfusion
- Rapid Response Teams
- Rehabilitation
- Research
- Transport Teams



Respiratory Therapists work in various areas within the hospital including neonatal ICU...



they can also work in transport teams...



or pulmonary function labs, to name a few.